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Student protest on road decision

STUDENTS angered by Dudley Council's decision to refuse permission for a pedestrian crossing between campus buildings have staged a protest on the steps of the Council House.

Campaigners protested for an hour outside the building on Priory Road after plans for a puffin crossing to be installed between Dudley College's new Evolve site and its Broadway campus were turned down by planning chiefs.

Despite the safety plans being recommended for approval by officers, the council's development control committee threw out the scheme saying it would cause traffic queues to build up and would thereby have an adverse impact on air quality in the town (see page 4).

A total of 14 students took part in the demonstration wearing T-shirts with tyre marks across them, arguing that without the crossing there could soon be a fatal accident.

Student Union president Kelly Russell, 28, led the protest. She said: "I think it is disgusting that they have denied the application and are putting lives at risk. This crossing is essential especially with the revamp of the town there is now more traffic."

Easter fun at Merry Hill

FUN Easter activities are on offer at Merry Hill shopping centre from this Saturday until April 25 — including a Muppets Most Wanted treasure hunt every day.

Peppa Pig will be visiting on Monday with shows taking place at Quest near Debenhams on the hour from 11am to 3pm. Free entrance wristbands must be collected from Quest from 9am onwards on the day of the event. Story-telling sessions are on April 22 and 24. For details visit westfield.com/merryhill

GREEN LIGHT FOR SKATE PARK

A £150,000 skate park for Stourbridge has been given the go-ahead, sparking joy for skateboarders and BMX cycle fans.

Dudley Council approved Unit3sixty's plan for an indoor park in Mill Race Lane this week.

The former disused industrial unit will offer BMX, skateboarding and scooter riding facilities and organisers aim to make it one of the best in the country.

The proposal is supported by a £40,000 community enterprise fund from the council and was drawn up in response to calls from young people for a new skate park.

The former Ramparts skate park was closed when its home in the basement of the former multi-storey Bell Street car park was demolished to make way for Tesco.

Jumps

Gavin Pardoe, owner of Unit3sixty, said he hoped building work on the new indoor skate park would get under way next month, with the aim of opening this summer.

He said: "We're delighted to get the approval to go ahead with this. So many people have been waiting for this and it would have been a huge shame if we didn't get it."

"We have big aims for the park. We want it to be among the best in the country but we want the help of users to help us draw up the ideas inside the park."

A consultation with potential users earlier this year discussed what they wanted to see.

This ranged from bike jumps to a DJ school and the ideas are being brought together for the project. Other ideas include graffiti art walls, a dance academy and a cafe.

Report by Alex Ross

Mr Pardoe said: "Young people have been waiting for something like this in Stourbridge for a long time."

The scheme has been made possible thanks to funding from a number of organisations. This includes £10,000 from council-run community forums and a £75,000 loan from the Charity Bank.

Backing has also come from senior town leaders, including Stourbridge MP Margot James.

She said: "The skate park facility will be a fantastic addition to the local community here in Stourbridge and I know it will be welcomed by young people in the area."

Chairman of Stourbridge Township Council Margaret Scott also greeted the decision.

She said: "I'm pleased the skate park is going ahead."

"It sounds good for young people in the town, giving them something to do in the evenings."

Planning officers at Dudley Council approved the proposals but want to discuss parking arrangements before it goes ahead.

There are currently 29 off-street car parking spaces proposed as part of the scheme.

Black Country gets its own anthem



Deputy Dudley Mayor Councillor Pete Lowe with Steve Edwards, and musicians Rachel Slater, Steve Henley, James Stevens

A SONG celebrating the Black Country has been declared the area's official anthem as the countdown continues to a special day in the region's honour.

Folk band The Empty Can are looking to break into the charts with their charity song I Vow to Thee Black Country.

The song, a version of patriotic classic I Vow to Thee My Country, goes on pre-order sale during May ahead of a May 27 release date. All money raised through sales of the single, which can be purchased for just 99p, will go to Compton Hospice.

The charity has been chosen in ded-

ication to Steve Evans, a former Wolverhampton City Council worker, who died in January aged 52, following a two-year battle with stomach cancer. Steve impressed the nation with his bravery and good humour as he spoke about his illness and its impact on him in several radio interviews.

James Stevens, aged 36, lead singer in the three-piece folk band, said: "Within hours of this going on YouTube last year it crashed the views counter and we think it reached around 250,000 views in total before we took it off."

"We now want to re-launch it as a

single to mark Black Country Day with all proceeds going to Compton Hospice in memory of Steve Evans. If people in the area get behind it we genuinely believe we could get the Black Country in the charts."

Steve Edwards, a factory worker from Brierley Hill, who has more than 17,000 likes on his The only way is Dudley facebook page, has created a video of iconic images of the region to go with the song.

People can email blackcountryday@hotmail.co.uk to join the mailing list to receive email notification when the song is available.

Toddler, 2, dies in a swim pool tragedy

A TODDLER died after being found in a swimming pool at his grandparents' Stourbridge home, an inquest heard.

Two-year-old Ajay Ramesh Shourie was discovered in the pool after going missing at the property on Monday evening, March 31.

The boy, who is from Leicester, was taken to Russells Hall Hospital, but was pronounced dead on arrival.

Accident

At an inquest opening at Smethwick Coroner's Court, coroner's investigator Bonita Poole said the toddler was being looked after by his grandmother when she noticed that he had gone missing.

"She went to try and find him, but he was found in a family pool in the conservatory," said the investigator.

An ambulance was called and despite attempts to revive the small boy, he was pronounced dead at the Dudley hospital at 5.02pm.

Police have said there is nothing suspicious about the boy's death, which has been described as a tragic accident.

Coroner Robin Balmain adjourned the hearing for further investigation to take place. He said: "This is a tragedy and my heart goes out to the family."

New-look pub opens soon

A PUB is to re-open soon following a refurbishment by its new owners.

The White Horse in Dudley Street, Sedgley, was bought last year by Blackpool-based Amber Taverns.

Amber's operations director Gary Roberts said the premises would be run as a 'traditional community pub.'

"We will be showing sport at the pub but it is not going to be a sports bar," he added. The pub is due to open later this month.

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Traders are left facing uncertainty

A BLACK Country market and almost 20 shops are facing an uncertain future after the collapse of a property business worth around half a billion pounds.

Stall holders and shopkeepers in Cradley Heath and tenants at a set of shops in Charterfield Drive, Kingswinford, have learned the parent company of the firm, which owns their properties has gone into

receivership – raising fears businesses may be forced to close.

Businesses at both locations have been sent a letter by administrators KPMG informing them that Landmaster Ltd and ten of its subsidiaries, including Brookwide Ltd, have gone into receivership and their property will now be managed by London-based management company Lee Baron. They have been

told to continue operating as normal until further notice.

Councillor Anne Shackleton, ward councillor for Cradley Heath said: "I think it will be a sad day if we don't have the market. It's the heart of the high street. This news is the last nail in the coffin for these businesses."

"I have contacted council officers to see whether we can move some,

if not all of the traders, to other vacant shops in the town."

Rob Croxen, joint receiver and restructuring partner at KPMG, said: "We are working with the asset managers to stabilise the business and will now be exploring options to maximize the underlying value of the portfolio."

KPMG is expected to look to sell some, if not all, of the assets.

Fatality prompts building rules call

AN electricians' trade association has called for changes in building regulations after a court heard how a Black Country mother died after being electrocuted.

The electrical circuits in 22-year-old Emma Shaw's flat had been signed off and certified during its construction but, around 18 months later, she died as a result of a fault.

Neil Hoult, 53, of Dane Terrace, Rowley Regis, was the qualified supervisor who signed the certification documents, and was found guilty at Wolverhampton Crown Court of breaching health and safety law. He was fined £1,000.

Now the National Association of Professional Inspectors and Testers, NAPIT, has claimed the case has highlighted long-standing concerns over the qualified supervisor model and the dangers inherent in that approach to recognising electrical competence.

Its chairman Frank Bertie said: "The NAPIT Trade Association has consistently opposed the industry model of focusing on a qualified supervisor, a model which runs too great a risk of work being completed by installers who may be neither properly trained nor genuinely monitored."

New help to pay on time

AN extended service has been launched for council tenants to make payments

Four payment dates are now on offer for people in Dudley to pay by Direct Debit. They can pick from 6, 14, 21 and 28 of the month. Call (01384) 815024 to speak to the housing Direct Debit team.

Housing boss Councillor Steve Waltho said: "We have over 3,000 tenants who are benefitting by using the Direct Debit service. This scheme provides customers with peace of mind as they know that their payments will be paid on time."

Lot to do at Easter

EASTER activities are taking place at museums in Dudley every day from April 12 to 27 at Broadfield House Glass Museum in Kingswinford, Red House Glass Cone in Wordsley and until April 26 at Dudley Museum and Art Gallery. Visit www.dudley.gov.uk/see-and-do

Services are saved but Centro to axe 89 jobs

GOVERNMENT cuts were blamed as bosses at the West Midlands transport authority announced 89 jobs would go. Centro is cutting a quarter of its workforce.

Funding it gets from councils is being reduced by £7 million. Councils fund the authority through a levy and it oversees public transport on their behalf but they have had their multi-million pound Government grants slashed.

Scheme for more than 500 homes

A HOUSEBUILDER has announced multi-million plans to build more than 500 homes in the Black Country.

Mar City, whose sales are being helped by the Government's Help to Buy scheme, has bought sites in Coseley, West Bromwich and Smethwick.

It wants to put 250 family homes on the site at Hall Green Road, West Bromwich. The Birmingham-based firm has also lined up 150 properties at Darkhouse Lane, Coseley, and 143 at Cranford Street, Smethwick. All three sites were previously industrial. The firm has signed contracts for the sites.

The deputy leader of Sandwell Council, Councillor Mahboob Hussain, who has responsibility for housing, said: "These new developments are good news, especially that they are building family homes rather than just apartments."

Councillor Hussain said that affordable homes would be part of the two large scale developments in the Sandwell borough.

"There are now hundreds of new houses being built across Sandwell," he added.

The staff cuts are coming because councillors voted to protect services such as Ring and Ride buses, free tram and train travel for pensioners and half-price fares for children.

Tough

Centro chairman Councillor John McNicholas, said: "Balancing the budget has proved extremely difficult but our priority throughout has been to protect passengers as far as possible. Cushioning the effect on frontline services means the impact on our staff will be harder. "It is a tough situation but one that is a direct result of the unprecedented cuts being imposed on local government."

On top of the £3m cut in operational and staffing costs for 2014/15, a further £4m is being found through 'streamlining' of bus station and infrastructure maintenance, changes to subsidised bus access standards, measures to reduce financing costs and a reduction in the Ring and Ride grant.

The £7m savings this year means Centro will have reduced its operational and staffing costs from £27m in 2010 to £15m in 2014/15.

The organisation had considered scrapping funding for Ring and Ride, a door-to-door service for pensioners and disabled people but its annual grant will instead be cut to £8.5m. The 60p fee for the service was increased to £1 this month.

Move to tackle problem parking



Transport boss Councillor Khurshid Ahmed with residents at Abbotsford Drive

DOUBLE yellow lines will be painted on a residential street near a hospital in a bid to stamp out nuisance parking which residents say is blighting their neighbourhood.

For years families living in Abbotsford Drive, near Russells Hall Hospital, have complained about cars clogging up their road

Dudley Council is now taking action after a petition was signed by every resident in the street.

Residents have complained that motorists have been blocking their drives, park-

ing on footpaths and make turning in the cul de sac difficult. They also claimed that they suffered frequent abuse from people parking their cars.

Following council advice, residents submitted a petition asking for double yellow lines. The authority has now agreed to paint double yellows to stop people visiting the hospital from parking in the street.

Council transport boss Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said: "I am delighted that we can provide a sensible solution for the residents in Abbotsford Drive."



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Death of popular supervisor is a shock

A MAN died after suffering a suspected cardiac arrest, aged just 29.

Richard Stevenon was discovered unresponsive by his friend Gemma Bayliss after she had left him in her living room to take a phone call. She tried to revive him and he was rushed to hospital with his sister Kerry-Anne but was pronounced dead at Russells Hall Hospital.

Since his death last week, a flood of tributes has come in from friends, family and customers he had served as a supervisor at the Co-op Food Store in Dibdale Road in Dudley, where he worked for 13 years.

An inquest was opened into the death of Mr Stevenon, a former Ellowes Hall Sport College pupil who lived in Park House Gardens, Lower Gornal. The hearing was told he had suffered a suspected cardiac arrest.

Mr Stevenon lived with his mother Tracey Stevenon. She said: "Everybody loved him. He was such a lovely, lovely lad. He always knew how to cheer someone up. He will be missed so badly by us all. We are all in absolute shock."

The inquest at Smethwick was adjourned for further reports.

Sign up for MP uni event

AN MP is hosting an event for universities aiming to attract school pupils to higher education. This is the second Universities Outreach event after more than 300 students and parents attended a similar event last year.

Margot James, MP for Stourbridge, is hosting the event today (Thursday) from 5pm to 7.30pm. It takes place at the Glasshouse College, Wollaston Road, Amblescote, with representatives from Russell Group universities. Visit signup.margotjames.com to register interest or call the constituency office on (01384) 370 574.

New fitness class

FITNESS fans can take part in new weight loss training classes with Metafit sessions on offer at Stourbridge's Crystal Leisure Centre. The half hour class runs every Tuesday at 8.35pm at the Bell Street centre and is suitable for all fitness levels. Call (01384) 812800.

Father jailed after stabbing son 11 times



Jailed — George Adam

A FATHER who 'stabbed his son 11 times, including once in the face, has been jailed for more than six years.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that 50-year-old George Adam grabbed a kitchen knife and repeatedly stabbed his son, Shane, aged 28, on October 1.

Adam, of Stourbridge Road, Halesowen, was babysitting at his sister's house in Dudley when his son turned up and the pair began arguing. Wolverhampton Crown

Court heard that Adam stabbed his son in the cheek, neck, head, ribs, stomach, groin and arm pit.

Mr Hugh O'Brien-Quinn, prosecuting, told the court: "The argument developed into a fight and they were swinging each other around and wrestling in the kitchen.

"Shane pushed him backwards and he fell down and hit his head on the cooker. It was then that he grabbed the knife.

"The defendant then ran at Shane and stabbed him in the face.

Shane fell to the floor and the defendant stabbed him and was going to continue but one of the children in the house bravely ran over and hauled the defendant away."

Mr O'Brien-Quinn added: "He has said he was sorry and that he lost it."

The court was told that Adam's son was unconscious for two days following the attack and spent a week in hospital.

Adam pleaded guilty to wounding with intent to cause GBH.

Mr Darron Whitehead, for Adam, said his client has expressed genuine remorse and had effectively taken an overdose of diazepam that had affected his thinking that night.

Judge John Wait sentenced Adam to six years and eight months in prison. He told him: "Your son had been rude and verbally aggressive and was clearly under the influence of drink. You lost your control. This was a repeated assault and there were serious injuries that were caused."

Walk-in centre to stay open for at least a year

A WALK-IN health centre threatened with closure will remain open until at least March next year, health bosses have confirmed.

But it will eventually be replaced with a new urgent care centre at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital. Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) hopes the new centre will open to patients in April 2015. Detailed proposals are being drawn up for the scheme and council-

Holocaust survivor to meet pupils

A HOLOCAUST survivor will tell students his story at an event to educate future generations about the horrors of genocide.

Year nine pupils at Windsor High School and sixth form, Halesowen, will attend the event hosted by the Holocaust Education Trust.

Powerful

They will hear testimony from Rudi Oppenheimer who was 12 when the Nazis took him and his family to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. His parents perished but Rudi and his siblings Paul and Eve survived.

Mr Oppenheimer will take part in a question and answer session at the school, in Richmond Street, on April 28.

History teacher Hannah Moody said: "It is a privilege for us to welcome Rudi Oppenheimer to our school and his testimony will remain a powerful reminder of the horrors so many experienced. We are grateful to the Holocaust Educational Trust for co-ordinating the visit."

Pressure

Health bosses say the move would help to reduce pressure on A&E as the centre could be used by the thousands of non-urgent patients who currently turn up at the department.

Closure of the Holly Hall centre has been unpopular with some sections of the community. Hundreds signed a petition calling for the centre to remain open.

Last month opening hours at the walk-in centre were extended for a second time to ease mounting pressure on accident and emergency services. Dudley CCG has decided to continue with the longer opening hours of 8am to 10pm until June.

Dudley CCG chief accountable officer Paul Maubach, said: "The current walk-in centre and out-of-hours contracts with Primicare Ltd have now been extended to March 2015. This will ensure a continuation of service for patients until the new urgent care centre is fully mobilised."

Dudley North MP Ian Austin and Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden have spoken out against closing the walk-in centre.

Opportunity to book your train seat



London Midland retail assistant Peter Chapman, of Birmingham, with books for travellers at Coseley Station

WHEN you're waiting for a train, reading a book is pleasant way to pass the time.

Now staff at Coseley railway station are helping passengers to conquer the classics on their commute with a 'book swap' scheme.

It allows customers to pick up a book for free at the station and then swap it for another when they have finished reading it.

Passengers are also being encouraged to donate their own favourite

reads to keep the stock of books refreshed and replenished.

Staff hope they will always be something on offer to help people pass the time on their commute.

Box

The book swap box is in the booking hall at Coseley station, which is open every morning and most afternoons and early evenings.

Denise Platts, who manages the station, said: "London Midland is always

looking for ways to make its passengers' journeys more enjoyable and is committed to working with the local communities our stations serve. Books and train travel are, after all, natural companions."

Book swapping is already popular with London underground commuters, with an increasing number of tube stations setting up their own book swap boxes.

It's the latest initiative giving people the chance to try a different book.

NEWS in brief

Chief social worker visits the borough

ENGLAND'S first chief social worker for adults visited Dudley. Lyn Romeo was in the borough to learn more about how council community, access and dementia social work teams operate.

She also had a chance to talk to social workers.

Ms Romeo said: "I enjoyed my visit to Dudley and have been impressed as to how social workers are working with people to help them make the right choices about their care, support and quality of life."

Get your bake on for contest

DUDLEY will hold its on version of the Great British Bake-Off as part of St George's Day celebrations.

Members of Brierley Hill's Inner Wheel are getting ready to get their bake on for the contest on April 26. Following the success of last year's inaugural Dudley Bake-Off, the women's voluntary group are helping out.

Competitors need to register by emailing brierleyhillbakeoff@dudley.gov.uk and full details will be sent to them.

Special ale to mark anniversary

KINVER Brewery has created a special ale to mark the 40th anniversary of the Stourbridge and Halesowen branch of the Campaign for Real Ale. Life Begins will be on sale at the Stourbridge Beer Festival at Stourbridge Town Hall from today (Thursday) until Saturday. The 17th festival will have over 6,000 pints of real ale to sell. See www.stourbridgecamra.org.uk/beerfest

Foundry worker opens canteen

A FOUNDRY business in Dudley invited a long-serving member of staff to open its new canteen.

Finishing shop manager Adrian Bate has worked at Thomas Dudley in Birmingham New Road for 25 years.

Thomas Dudley has invested more than £9 million in its premises over the last three years.

Parcel pay boost

PARCEL company DPD has agreed an inflation-busting pay deal for its staff over the next three years with a 10.6 per cent rise. The company has hubs in Smethwick and Oldbury where it employs 800.

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SO farewell, the Competition Commission, scrapped this week. Why was there only one?

AS the world digests the massive UN report on climate change, does any part of it mention the thousands of British pensioners and drivers who did not die this winter thanks to the unusually mild conditions? Or does only bad news count?

UKIP leader Nigel Farage took some flak for saying the European Union has "blood on its hands" for encouraging rebellion in Ukraine, Syria and Libya. Maybe he's wrong but, as I suggested some days ago, it would be good to know exactly what the EU was discussing with the rebels in Kiev before Ukraine's president fled. And here's why. One hundred years ago, as Britain declared war on Germany, many Brits were surprised that their government chose to get involved. Then it was revealed that Britain had a secret agreement with France. If Germany attacked France, the Royal Navy would defend the ports of northern France. We don't want another surprise like that, do we, Mr Cameron?

OUR cat became suddenly nervous about leaving the house at night. Then we found the piles of earth and poo in the yard where the badgers had been digging. Cats, like any other creatures with brains, give badgers a wide berth. Which is why I'm not entirely convinced by the theory that TB can pass from badgers to humans through bite wounds on domestic cats. If a badger manages to bite a cat, it would surely kill it.

I WONDER how many dim hacks dashed off outraged, thundering columns about the new Scottish coin bearing the head of a haughty-looking Alex Salmond, before realising it was all an April Fool's gag. Join the club.

SO what is a reasonable length of time to hold an innocent person behind bars? John Craven is a street preacher in Manchester. He was approached by two gay teenagers who asked his views on homosexuality. Mr Craven read them the bible verses from Revelation about sinners burning in a lake of fire and sulphur, but stressed that "God hates sin but He loves the sinner." The boys complained to a policeman that Mr Craven's words were "insulting" and had caused them "harassment and distress." The copper promptly arrested the preacher and took him to the cells where he was held for 19 hours. Mr Craven has now won £13,000 in compensation under the Human Rights Act. A police spokesman says: "We acknowledge that we did make mistakes and, in particular, kept the claimant in custody for too long." Too long? I repeat, what do the cops these days consider a reasonable length of time to bang up an English citizen whose only offence is to explain his religion to passers-by?

LATEST research suggests we need to eat at least seven portions of fruit or veg per day to live long and healthy lives. But you don't have to endure mountains of broccoli and kale. It is perfectly possible to convince yourself that anything resembling a vegetable or piece of fruit will do. Try these tasty alternatives: bitter lemon, chocolate orange, toffee apple, pears, fruit-salad chews, raspberry ripple and three cherries on the fruit machine.

THE House of Lords with 780 members is now the world's second biggest legislature, after China's Politburo. A new report suggests trimming the Lords by enforced retirement at 80 and axing the last of the hereditary peers. Here's another idea. Let's chuck out all those Lords who, when they were MPs, raged against the Lords, threatened to scrap it and swore they would never accept a peerage. How quickly their principles crumbled at the whiff of ermine.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Father-of-two leapt from moving car

A FATHER-of-two leapt out of a moving car which then crashed into a house while he was almost twice the drink-drive limit.

Asaf Hussain was seen driving towards traffic in Dudley by patrolling officers on October 17. Wolverhampton Crown Court heard how Hussain, aged 32, leapt out of his car and spat at police, Ms Sati Ruck, prosecuting, said: "Officers

saw a Ford Focus driving around a bus, causing it to brake sharply, and towards oncoming traffic. He has then driven through a red light. The defendant has then pulled up onto a drive and jumped out while it was moving. This has caused the car to crash into the property in Park Head Road causing damage.

"He was restrained by officers and made threats to them and spat

at them. Half a bottle of vodka was found on the passenger seat."

Hussain gave a reading of 63 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. The limit is 35 microgrammes.

The court heard that Hussain had been convicted in 2007 for drink-driving, fined and given a driving ban.

Mr Martin Fowler, defending,

said: "He has been an industrious law-abiding citizen. He simply fell into old ways."

Hussain, of Malvern Crescent, Holly Hall, pleaded guilty to dangerous driving, driving with excess alcohol and an assault on a police officer. He was given a two year driving, a 40-week prison sentence suspended for two years and told to join the Thinking Skills programme.

Shock at decision to refuse college crossing

A CROSSING proposed for a busy main road has been refused in 'a shock decision' by planners which bosses from a nearby college say will put lives at risk.

Dudley College had submitted plans for a puffin crossing on The Broadway, between its new Evolve site and the Broadway campus. But members of Dudley Council's development control committee threw out the scheme saying it would disrupt traffic, causing queues and having an adverse impact on air quality.

College chiefs who, after 18 months planning the measure, had expected the plan to be approved and now plan to launch an appeal against the decision.

College principal Lowell Williams said: "This has been a shock decision by the committee. There is a pressing need for a crossing and I am astounded our application has been rejected — particularly after the council's own investigations deemed the application should be approved."

"The college has invested some £36 million in the regeneration of Dudley through the creation of the Dudley Learning Quarter. The assertion the creation of the crossing would be detrimental to the amenity of the area is disappointing and, frankly, a little ridiculous."

"The addition of a controlled crossing had always been a requirement in the

development of the Dudley Learning Quarter, as the safety of the college users and the wider public is our foremost concern.

"The college will be lodging an appeal as pedestrians are still in danger. The appeal will take time and money, which could be used to better effect. I can only hope that an accident doesn't occur whilst we are trying to reverse this poor decision."

Council officers recommended the scheme be approved subject to conditions. Councillor Qadar Zada, chairman of the development control committee, said one of the main concerns was that the new crossing would be near traffic lights at the junction with Ednam Road.

"There was concern placing a crossing so close would have disrupted the flow of traffic causing queues to build especially at busy times. This would have a detrimental impact on air quality," he said.

Bliss for new mothers

VOLUNTEERS delivered special surprises to the mothers who spent their first Mother's Day with their poorly babies in hospital

Dudley Bliss Group members visited Neonatal Unit at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley to drop off the gifts which included chocolates.

The bags were put together by Joanne Weston, Stacey Tyler-Crisp and Claire Swatman. Gifts were donated by the Black Country Living Museum and Merry Hill branches of LUSH, Thorntons, Boots, the Fragrance Shop, and The Body Shop.

Hospital gym is first fitted



Gavin Hollows, Stuart Turner, Russell Tipson and Dean Hill on the equipment

THE country's first outdoor hospital gym has been created at a Black Country site.

Patients, visitors and staff at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital will be given the chance to use equipment, which has been installed near to the Action Heart Centre. Officials today said the outdoor gym is being targeted at people with heart conditions to aid rehabilitation.

Patients referred through Dudley's exercise referral programme run by the Action Heart charity on behalf of Dudley Council's

Office of Public Health. But the new facility will be made available to everyone at the hospital to encourage as many people as possible to enjoy a healthier lifestyle.

Public health boss, Councillor Stuart Turner, said: "We are delighted to see the facility is now in place in another first for Dudley as we look to lead the way nationally."

"This is Olympic quality equipment which is also in place in London in the Olympic village."

Authority share with council 60 miles away

INFORMATION and Communications Technology services at a local council will be shared with another authority more than 60 miles away.

South Staffordshire Council, which covers Kinver, will share services with Stratford-upon-Avon District Council in a shake-up of its IT department.

It comes after the director responsible of ICT at the council is set to leave at the end of the year having taken voluntary redundancy.

An assessment was carried out of the district council by the Stratford-upon-Avon council which highlighted a list of negatives within the department. It found that too many projects were left 'unfinished', there was a 'limited focus and direction' and that staff came up with their own work programme. It concluded that there needed to be 'stronger leadership'.

South Staffs bosses said there would be no redundancies due to the merger.

In a report to councillors it was revealed that the management fee going to Stratford was £38,700, plus travelling costs of £5,000 per annum. The arrangement is for one year and if successful a longer service agreement could follow.

Floral gifts for care home

RESIDENTS at a care home have been given a chance to try their hand at flower arranging thanks to donations from a supermarket.

Wombourne branch of Sainsbury's has been providing flowers for The Firs Residential Care Home on Wodehouse Lane, Sedgley, for the last three years. The flowers have given residents a creative outlet and brightened up the home.

Care manager Victoria Stackhouse said: "We collect the flowers every week, sometimes twice a week. The arrangements really cheer the home up."

Snapped in time

AN exhibition of the black and white photography of Black Country artist Sid Turner is taking place at the Bilston Craft Gallery until Saturday April 12. It features pictures showing the hustle and bustle of the West Midlands from the 1970s to the present.

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Plans for £200m to revamp the region

A £200 MILLION plan for the renaissance of the Black Country has been unveiled which would create 5,000 jobs, bring hundreds of new homes and transform top venues to boost tourism.

Wolverhampton's Civic Halls and Grand Theatre could be in line for a £20m revamp if the Black Country bid for Government funding is successful.

Extra seating could be added at the Civic Halls and staging areas improved, while the Grand would improve its backstage to help attract bigger and better shows. A bid has been made to the Government for £56m to kickstart the Black Country's transformation.

The Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership would also use the cash to revamp Wolverhampton Railway Station, described as 'not fit for purpose' - linking it with the new bus station and a proposed Metro extension.

Junction 10 of the M6 at Walsall would also undergo improvements, in a bid to reduce congestion and bottlenecks there. Meanwhile, a £10 million research centre would be built at Wolverhampton Science Park for businesses to test and develop products.

Battle of the bands is back

A BATTLE of the bands show returns to Wolverhampton later this month after a four-year break.

The Wolves Civic Battle of the Bands will see five acts take to the stage in a bid to win a recording session, among other prizes.

In total 24 bands have competed in heats held at the Slade Rooms and have been whittled down to Husk, Lynus, Mr George's Famous Last Words, The Nics & The Regulars.

This month's final, on April 25, is being held at the Wulfrun Hall.

Tickets for the showdown are £6.

Tip-top Tipton

TIPTON and Coseley Building Society has announced an increase in profits as the number of mortgages it lent rose by 3.28 per cent. Bosses said the increase showed a recovery in the housing market. The 113-year-old society includes branches in Coseley and Sedgley.

Collision that killed father was 'unavoidable'



Christopher Clarke

A FATHER was killed when he stepped out in front of a car on a dual carriageway as he walked to work, an inquest heard.

The coroner was told the driver could not have avoided Christopher Clarke, 53, as he walked 'briskly' into Pedmore Road, near Merry Hill, just before 7am last April 26.

The HM Revenue and Customs officer was walking to work on a route he had taken for around 13 years when crossing the road near its junction with Hurst Lane. At

an inquest at Smethwick Council House, a police report had concluded that 'the cause of the collision appears to be pedestrian error'.

Pc Steven Jubb said that there was no way driver Luke Williams could have avoided Mr Clarke, of Lantern Road, Netherton. Investigating officers concluded that it would have taken Mr Clarke 1.36 seconds to walk from the central reservation to the point in the outside lane where he was hit, but for Mr Williams to react and his car

to decelerate would have taken between 2.8 and 3.4 seconds.

Pc Jubb said: "If the driver perceived the pedestrian as a hazard to him when he started to cross into his lane, the accident was unavoidable."

Welder Mr Williams told the hearing he was driving to work in his blue Fiat Punto when he first saw Mr Clarke crossing the opposite carriageway before reaching the central reservation. He said: "It wasn't until I was level with him

that he stepped out." Asked by Senior Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain if he had any time to do anything, Mr Williams said: "No, it was just milliseconds."

Recording a verdict of death due to a road traffic collision, Mr Balmain said: "It's likely he didn't look before stepping out into the road and the oncoming driver didn't anticipate the danger."

Father-of-two Mr Clarke's family have since campaigned for a crossing to be installed at the scene.

Drunken M5 wrong-way driver is spared prison

A CARE worker from Halesowen who admitted driving the wrong way down the M5 while twice over the drink-drive limit has been spared an immediate jail sentence.

Katy Homer brought terror to drivers using the motorway before swerving on to the hard-shoulder to avoid a head-on collision with a lorry on December 4.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard one lorry driver had just joined the motorway at around 2.30am when he saw the headlights of Homer's black Vauxhall Astra approaching. The HGV driver had braked before flashing his lights and sounding his horn in a desperate bid to get the mother of three to take 'evasive action'.

Although she did not react at first, the 27-year-old eventually veered on to the hard shoulder, avoiding a head-on collision.

The court had previously heard that Homer, of Clent View Road, Colley Gate, had joined the southbound side of the motorway at junction two Oldbury before driving three miles north to Junction 1 West Bromwich.

Miss Alka Brigue, prosecuting, said upon leaving the motorway police dealing with an unrelated matter had seen Homer's car travelling the wrong way up the southbound sliproad.

She said they had then tried unsuccessfully to stop her vehicle as it went around the Kenrick Way roundabout.

Homer had pleaded guilty to one count of dangerous driving and one count of driving with excess alcohol. Judge Michael Dudley gave her a four-month jail sentence suspended for 12 months. Mother-of-three Homer was banned from driving for three years, put under supervision for 12 months and given 180 hours of unpaid work to do.

Brave Kelly, 23, is fit to fight cancer



Kelly Mullings, aged 23, and her mother Liz Mullings, 51, look forward to the Tri-ing event for a cancer charity

CANCER sufferer Kelly Mullings has decided to fight her illness with a seven-hour sponsored fitness day for charity.

At the start of this year the 23-year-old from Nagersfield Road, Brierley Hill, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma and was told she would have to undergo chemotherapy treatment until July.

She said: "I had a lump that was just above my collar bone for some time and I eventually went to the doc-

tor to have it checked out and after tests they came back with a diagnosis of Hodgkin's lymphoma. I took the news quite well but my mother Liz found it really hard to come to terms with. I have just kept positive about it. There is no point constantly worrying."

The diagnosis meant she had to give up her studies at Birmingham University where she was training to be a PE teacher and she now has to have treatments at Russell Hall Hospital in

Dudley. To show her support for the charity she and 29 of her close friends and family are holding the Tri-ing for Cancer sponsored triathlon at the Crystal Leisure Centre in Bell Street on April 27.

People can donate to the event by collecting a donation form at the leisure centre.

They can also donate online by visiting www.justgiving.com/Tri-ingForCancer or texting TRI173 followed by an amount to 70070.

NEWS in brief

Time for meerkat makeover at zoo

THE meerkat enclosure at Dudley Zoo is set for a revamp following an anonymous £1,000 donation.

Keepers say they were delighted to receive the cheque, addressed to Aleksandr the meerkat, and are planning to use the money to build a new internal den for the 14-strong mob.

The new heated internal den, to replace their current smaller one, will include a polycarbonate roof to allow in lots of light, a desert-like interior and a large viewing window.

Rock gig in aid of mayor's fund

ROCK bands will be helping to raise money for the Mayor of Dudley's charities as a Rock and Roll Showcase charity gig on May 10. Purple Stereo and The Oldest House will be taking to the stage at The Secret Venue, Pearson Street, Dudley, from 7pm.

Proceeds go to Mayor Councillor Alan Finch's charities, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and White House Cancer Support. Tickets are £8 or £6 for students, email suzylimesrdc@hotmail.co.uk

Man suffers burns in blaze at flat

A MAN was injured trying to put out a blaze at his high-rise flat in Dudley.

He was taken to hospital with burns after unattended food caught fire in his cooker.

He tried to tackle it himself after the flames broke out in the 14th-floor flat at Clent Court, Prospect Row, shortly before 8pm on Wednesday, April 2.

The flat had slight smoke damage.

Life can be a beach at crafty sessions

A THREE-MONTH exhibition portraying the seaside will go on display from Saturday.

Art enthusiasts are encouraged to go along to Bilston Craft Gallery, Mount Pleasant for the Beside The Sea exhibition.

The display promises to be full of crafts which have been inspired by British beaches.

Check in with club

MORE people are invited to join a weekly chess club in Sedgley. Mercia Chess Club meets at the Sedgley Ex-Servicemen's Club in The Walk, every Tuesday at 7.30pm. For more information call (01902) 680915.

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IN MY VIEW

WITH MARK ANDREWS

ACHIM Steiner, the former executive director of the United Nations environment programme, once remarked that the way we treat the bees would 'in part define our collective future in the 21st century'.

It is fair to say PhD student Michael Smith seems to have taken these words to heart, with his in-depth study of honeybees.

However – and feel free to accuse this simple Black Countryman of trivialising the fine research being carried at New York's Cornell University if you believe that to be the case – but I cannot help wondering whether shoving a handful of bees down your underpants was really what Mr Steiner had in mind.

Young Mick, who one suspects probably has a rather strange social life, conducted what must surely be the most exhaustive research to date into the subject of where it hurts most to be stung.

And he wasn't just playing around at it either. He spent 38 days testing 25 different body locations, making sure he got stung at least five times a day.

"We speculated it probably really would hurt to get stung in the testicles," he said, adding, almost with an air of disappointment, "It didn't hurt as much as I expected it to."

That's the trouble with those honeybees, they have to be in the mood. If their heart's not in it, you're just wasting your time.

Michael revealed that getting himself stung in some of the more intimate places required quite a bit of ingenuity and imagination.

"Some locations required the use of a mirror and an erect posture during stinging, eg butt-tocks," he wrote in his thesis, which is probably something you do not see in too many university essays.

Michael has ruled out extending his work into the field of wasps, or stinging nettles, or jellyfish. Probably just as well, better learn to walk before you can run, and all that.

And the result of all this work is that a bee sting on the nose is much more painful than one around the scrotum. But I think there is also a much more important lesson we can all take from Mr Smith's research. If you are at the moment deliberating over which university course to take, my tip is to stick to economics.

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HEADLINE in a tabloid newspaper: 'Tories in food fight.' And for a brief moment I actually thought we might have discovered some interesting politicians.

Surely, the idea of George Osborne showering Phil Hammond with bread rolls and William Hague tipping vol-au-vents over Jeremy Hunt's head would do wonders for the way we think of our honourable members.

Sadly, the story beneath failed to live up to the billing, a dull yarn about school dinners.



Rescuing a trapped construction worker in Bearwood



The team winches a 30st woman out of her flat



Unpredictable – firefighters are sometimes called

Whatever danger they'll deal with it

Trapped worker or cow, a specialist team of firefighters is ready, as **PETER MADELEY** found out

THEIR challenges have included winching a man to safety from the side of a skyscraper to rescuing a builder covered up to his neck in soil at the bottom of an 18ft trench. And they also put out fires.

The West Midlands Fire Service Technical Rescue Unit (TRU) is a specialist team of firefighters deployed on the toughest, high-risk call-outs where disaster can lurk around every corner.

Based at Bickenhill Fire Station, near to Birmingham's NEC, the four eight-man crews support regular crews when their specialised skills and equipment are required. And the Black Country now has its own unit, with a 32-man team stationed in Wednesbury.

Collapsed

The units are charged with tackling the most complex jobs, including sea and river rescues, flooding assistance, rope, confined space and altitude rescue and casualty extrication.

One dramatic scene involved the TRU assisting other emergency services with the rescue of a construction worker who had become trapped under two tons of soil when a trench he was working on collapsed.

When the crew arrived at Barclay Road, Bearwood, the man was covered up to his neck 18ft down in the trench.

Crew Commander Rob Norman, of Blue Watch, says: "One side of the trenches had caved in leaving one of the workers trapped in the bottom of the trench." Only his head was visible.



Nerves of steel – 100ft up while Birmingham's The Cube was being built

"We worked with ambulance crews and other fire crews, using specialist stretcher equipment and a hoist to extricate him from the hole.

"It was a long and complicated job because there was a danger the rest of the trench could collapse at any minute."

Last year the team was called out to a house in the West Midlands to assist an obese woman who was trapped in her bedroom and was struggling to breathe.

"The woman was more than 30 stone and needed to leave the house for urgent hospital treatment," Mr Norman

says. "She was having breathing difficulties but had become housebound and because of her size paramedics were unable to get her to an ambulance. She was basically trapped in an upstairs room."

The crew decided the quickest way to bring her out was to cut away the window frame of the upstairs bedroom and use ropes and a stretcher to winch her down.

In February the unit was called to Handsworth Wood, Birmingham, to help after a large tree blew over in gale

force winds and crushed a car, trapping three passengers, two of whom were seriously injured. Mr Norman says: "It was a delicate and intensive operation because the tree had completely crushed the roof of the vehicle and three people were trapped inside unable to move."

The units were developed in the UK as part of the government's anti-terrorism measures after the 9/11 attacks in the US and London bombings in July 2005.

"We are trained and kitted out to deal with large scale operations," Mr Norman says. "But the principal remains the same whatever situation we are deployed to deal with, be it a traffic collision involving heavy transportation or an animal rescue."

He adds: "If a job requires us to cut through concrete or steel we are equipped to deal with it, and the same applies to heavy lifting or rope rescues."

Since April 2013 the units have added a more conventional task to their remit – tending to fires. "Initially we were firefighters who dealt with almost every incident except fires," Mr Norman says "But that changed last year."

Pressure

The unit took on 32 recruits in preparation for the official opening of the Black Country's first Technical Rescue Unit at Wednesbury Fire Station on April 1. The trained firefighters have been through a rigorous training process

One, Steve Mann, says: "The training is hard and you have to take on a lot of extra skills. Often you have to make decisions quickly and under pressure."

A crew from the TRU was called to perform a training exercise when Birmingham's iconic The Cube was under construction in 2010.

Mr Norman says: "They were asking the questions 'what do we do if someone gets hurt whilst working 100ft in the air?' 'how do we get someone up there to deal with an incident?' Showing people how to deal with potentially difficult situations is part of our job."

POLITICS

WITH DANIEL WAINWRIGHT



DAVID Cameron reckons the Black Country has "every chance of doing well" in its bid for millions of pounds of funding. The wish list includes work by junction 10 of the M6, a revamp of the Grand Theatre and Civic Halls in Wolverhampton, a new railway station for the city and training centres in Halesowen, Dudley and Stourby Bridge.

The problem the four boroughs of Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton have had for decades is one of perception, of being seen as the poor relation to Birmingham. Talk of merging them into Greater Birmingham just puts people's backs up further.

While Birmingham is a city transformed, Wolverhampton is a field of broken dreams. The Prime Minister seemed to understand that when he visited Birmingham Airport and acknowledged areas like the Black Country had missed out.

People have seen artists' impressions and heard talk of multi-million pound shopping centres, urban villages, canal-side quarters and new railway stations and get fed up when little happens.

Out of a long-awaited £176 million bus, rail and Metro 'interchange' planned for Wolverhampton, the city got a new bus station and a Sainsbury's Local.

The plans are still alive; the begging bowl keeps going out to central government.

Meanwhile Birmingham gets its £600 million refurbishment for New Street and its new £190 million library while the Public Arts Centre in West Bromwich gets shut down. Of course Birmingham deserves the investment. It's the second city.

But isn't it our turn yet?

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Former Wolverhampton mayor Malcolm Gwinnett has never really struck me as a party politician. So I doubt his departure from the Liberal Democrats to join Ukip will cause Nick Clegg much more grief than the opinion polls already do.

Although it was a well-timed announcement from the Eurosceptics to bring over a prominent city councillor to their ranks on the same day their leader Nigel Farage went head to head with Mr Clegg in a TV debate.

The Liberal Democrats in Wolverhampton have just three seats, all of them in the same ward, Spring Vale.

Yet the past few years have been a troubled time for them. Another of their councillors, Richard Whitehouse, left them in 2012 following a falling out and then re-joined the following year.

Councillor Gwinnett's former colleagues think he has thrown away everything he once believed in to join a party that stands against it on virtually everything but none of this detracts from his record as a councillor who has always been prepared to speak his mind.

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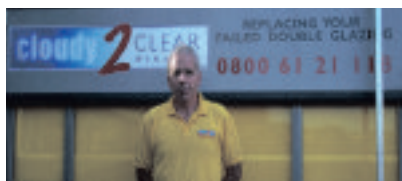
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That's fine you may say, the treasury will save £45m, but every action has an equal and opposite reaction. The reaction is that millions of shopping trolleys will have to be altered, parking meters will have to be changed, vending machines, and so on.

Country festival could go on

I SUPPOSE one could say it was inevitable that Wolvestock had to be cancelled owing to council cutbacks.

The idea that it could be held mostly inside the Civic and Wulfrun Halls did not appeal to many stallholders, country music enthusiasts or line dancers alike. The high entrance fee and the 'no own drinks' rule, the site for campers or the general parking situation would not help.

The cost of previous events at East Park must have been quite enormous with all the staging, enclosures, security and toilets, etc. Then, of course, are the international artists, dance instructors and discos.

Stourport have a free festival, although possibly one could say more for line dancers, none the less a successful event at a fraction of the price because they rely on mostly local artists and discos. Why an event of a similar nature could not be continued in East Park is beyond me.

G DOBSON
Wolverhampton

Well, let's go to the next lowest coin, we cannot, the 50p coin is seven sided. I know, we will go to the £2 coin, that is round, and we can use those in trolleys and meters, etc. You can see where this is going.

Councils at first will moan about changing parking meters and charges, then rub their hands together with glee. Parking meters do not give change, so guess what, they will make a fortune. So the Government, mark my words, will make the £2 coin the most popular denomination.

A PARKER, Willenhall

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Pity more of town's heritage is to vanish

DUDLEY Hippodrome — what a pity that this section of heritage cannot be saved and put to good use. Is it really that isolated in position and lacking in 'technical facilities'?

Surely it is easier to locate a venue outside of the maze of one way streets.

Also, technical facilities can be installed to suit the purpose of the venue.

In Halesowen the 1930s library was demolished and now we have a supermarket blocking the view of the Norman church as you approach from Hasbury.

The merchant house in Church Lane survives dwarfed by a modern block built in place of old buildings.

In Old Hill the 1930s council offices were de-

molished — first hit by the wrecking crew was the beautiful central window over the front door.

The new development will contain a fire station sited right on the busy crossroads at the bottom of Barrs Road.

Thankfully the two Haden Hall buildings and park survive.

Dudley is an ancient important town with heritage and the Hippodrome is an interesting and unique item within it.

A think-tank is the last thing that is required to analyse the situation in context with the castle, zoo, landmark church, and 1930s building leading to the ancient market place.

R SLIM
Halesowen

Pupils on found video

I am trying to trace a pupil who attended a Dudley school. I bought a video camera off a market and there was a tape in the camera showing pupils leaving at the end of term.

The pupil I am trying to trace is called Clair Towe who attended Bishop Milner Catholic School, Burton Road, Dudley, and left in 2003. Her mother, Sheila, is mentioned in the film by one of Clair's friends, also Katie and Lindsey are mentioned.

I have spoken to the school and they have looked in the archives of the former pupil and tried to contact her but to no avail. Whether she and her parents have left the area no one knows. I just want to hand the tape (which has been converted to DVD) back to the owners it might be of sentimental value to her.

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I WAS sorry to see that my old school — Albright Senior School — in Popes Lane, Oldbury, is being demolished.

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Easter eggs handed to quiz winners

BLACKHEATH M TWG

THE Annual General Meeting was opened by outgoing Chairman Doreen Armstrong at 10.30am.

Reports were given by treasurer Beryl Hartley, outings supervisor Brenda Ellesmore and Press officer Iris Harris. The outgoing committee members were thanked by Doreen for their work over the past years and the new committee introduced to guild members.

As there was quite a lot of business to be discussed it was arranged that on this occasion there would be no speaker and when the official business was completed the entertainment would be provided by members.

Chris Turner organised an excellent quiz and three winners were presented with Easter eggs.

Beryl Hartley told a lovely story of a little girl who said to her parents that when she was grown up she was going to have a dozen 'babies' because she loved 'babies' better than any dolls and as she didn't care for men, she was never going to get married.

Iris Harris told her story, 'The Gentle Sex and the Gentleman', which showed how easy it was for a calculating woman to pull the wool over the eyes of a vulnerable man who wished to be seen as a 'gentleman'.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday April 23 at 10.30am at the Moose Hall, Beeches Road, Blackheath. Speaker will be John Billingham on 'Images of Worcestershire'.

Family business is now the last one left

Long-standing guild members presented with 10-year awards

THE March meeting confirmed the new committee for the coming year and it was good to welcome aboard a few new faces.

Guild members discovered muscles they never knew they had when Sylvia Brown, retired Hatha yoga teacher, requested some participation during her demonstration.

Despite this, however, the exercise was much enjoyed.

Eleven long-standing members were very pleased to be presented with 10-year service badges from outgoing Honorary President Chris Shuffelebotham and Alma Haffner was delighted to accept this position for the current year.

Discussions for the forthcoming Wednesday

WEDNESBURY TG

Carnival, which takes place in the summer, are already in hand and the newly-appointed committee is already putting forward ideas to make the day a successful one.

There are many talks on various topics arranged for the coming year and interesting trips and outings are also planned.

Anyone considering joining the guild should come along to a meeting and will be assured of an enthusiastic welcome.

Guild meetings are now being held on the second Thursday of each month, at 7pm at the Wesley Centre, Spring Head, Wednesday.

MY TIME OVER FIFTIES

THE March meeting began with the speaker Mr George Hook who spoke about the Birmingham Mother of Pearl industry.

The Mother of Pearl industry grew up in the Hockley area with buttons being made from oyster and seashells. In its heyday there were about 40 companies making the buttons used by the Pearly Kings and Queens.

However the industry was affected in the 1920s with the introduction of plastic and has now declined so that Mr Hook's business, started in 1824 by his family, is the only one left in production.

Now Mr Hook makes jewellery, scarf slides and spoons, all made by hand. Mr Hook's talk was interesting and funny.

My Time Over Fifties meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Ambleside Room at Stourbridge Town Hall. On April 23 Mary Bodfish will talk about the 'Singularity of Bodfish'.

For more information about meetings and activities phone Graham 01384 393483 or Audrey 01384 864223.

Jill bowls them over for shield

WOLLASTON E TWG

IN the absence of the chairman Jean Latham, vice-chairman Hazel Needham welcomed 56 members to the March meeting which incorporated the AGM.

Apologies were given and secretary Sue Ward read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly passed. The treasurer gave a favourable report of the accounts, pointing out that no increase in subscription would be necessary. Sue read an annual report on all sections. All officers and committee

members agreed to stand again, and the ladies were thanked for their efforts.

The Bowls Competition Shield was presented to Jill Perry. The Competition Cup went to new member Elizabeth Grove.

There was no speaker or competition. Raffle prizes went to Brenda Adkin and Janet Tomkins.

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Choirs rock for charity at town hall concert

IT WAS a starry night for pupils who took to the stage to wow their audience with songs from well known movie soundtracks.

A packed crowd at Dudley Town Hall arrived for the show called A Night at the Oscars as the youngsters had their moment in the spotlight. But it was not just the children as an adult rock choir also shared the stage to raise the roof at the venue.

Packed

Hundreds packed into the town hall, at St James' Road, for the concerts which were raising money for the Acorns Children's Hospice, which has bases at Walsall, Selly Oak and Worcester.

Pupils from Jesson's CE Primary School, in Dudley, were joined by members of Fusion Rock Choir at the culmination of a two day event held on March 13 and 14.

Schools from across Dudley and Sandwell had sung at the town hall as part of a series of concerts.

For the fourth consecutive year now, Jesson's CE Primary School has staged annual musical festival known as Vivo, which is Spanish for alive.

The concerts showcase the talents of the pupils through a range of songs in front of an audience made up of family, friends and other students.

Headteacher Lucy Griffiths said: "Vivo has become a popular annual event, so much so that we have had to extend it over two days."

"All of the children get a wonderful experience of performing on stage and being part of the audience at the town hall."

Older pupils from Jesson's also part with their own choir called Jubilate, with the school's younger pupils sing-



Pupils in Jesson's Primary School's Vocalize choir on stage at Dudley Town Hall



Pupils in Jesson's Primary School's Jubilate choir on stage at Dudley Town Hall

ing in the choir named Vocalize.

Both joined Fusion to sing choral versions of rock songs featured in films, such as Eye Of The Tiger from the Rocky soundtrack plus favourites from Disney and James Bond movies.

Together

Mrs Griffiths added: "Vivo has been a wonderful night for Jesson's bring-

ing the community together with the school giving the pupils an exceptional opportunity to perform at such a prestigious venue as the town hall and raise money for Acorn Children's Hospice."

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It is always a privilege to be able to mention our area or highlight one of our fantastic local enterprises at PMQs.

I visited Plantec Assist, a company employing 25 people in Netherton.

Accident

I was interested to learn more about how the company helps motorbike and scooter riders who have unfortunately had an accident anywhere in the country to get back on two wheels. You can learn more at www.bikeanswers.co.uk.

I attended a briefing for all of the borough's MPs with the Leader and the Chief Executive of Dudley MBC at Council House. As ever we covered a lot of ground, from safeguarding to the council's budget.

I had a really enjoyable Friday evening over dinner with the Friends of Broadfield House at the glass museum in Kingswinford to celebrate 20 years of the group. You can plan your visit to the museum via www.glassmuseum.org.uk

I also enjoyed a Saturday evening Pizza Express meal at Eat Central, Merry Hill.

I've been out and about

THE WAY I SEE IT

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Very costly cabbage shocks shopper Jean



Shocked Jean with the very expensive cabbage, which should have cost 30p but was charged at £53.55

DUDLEY pensioner Jean Hudson had a shock when she found she had been charged £50 for a small cabbage.

The 61-year-old from Sedgley had been doing her weekly shop with husband Graham at Asda Tipton in Gospel Oak.

She said: "We were at the checkout and we went to pay and my husband said that the bill was a little steep. It's not unusual for us to spend a little more if there is a deal on. We had bought extra items including biscuits and a few items for the Tipton Food bank and coffee for my son, so I thought nothing of it but my husband kept grumbling about the amount."

She had a nagging feeling and checked her receipt and found that instead of paying 30p for the small cabbage, she had paid £53.55.

An Asda spokesperson said: "A system glitch meant that the cabbage was scanned at the wrong price. We're sorry for any inconvenience caused and we'll ensure this doesn't happen again."

The Ale Tairsters raise a glass to character 'Oggy'

A FOUNDER member of the Black Country Ale Tairsters has died just days after discovering he was suffering from cancer.

Joe Hill died at Sandwell General Hospital on March 21 after he went to see his doctor complaining about poor vision.

The 83-year-old from West Bromwich helped found the group in 1984 with his son Peter and close friend John Drew, starting them on an ambitious challenge of drinking a pint of ale in every pub in Great Britain and raising thousands of pounds for charity on their travels.

They visited 17,500 pubs in all.

Peter said: "He went to his doctor following some problems with his vision and they referred him on to Sandwell Hospital. On March 19 we were told the news that much of the lower half of his body was affected by cancer and he died a couple of days later."

"It came as a shock to us all. We had planned a number of trips for the near future including a trip to the micro-breweries of Kent."

"My dad was a real character and a brilliant story teller. We spent the last 30 years together."

'Oggy', as he was known, was also a keen motorcyclist who helped found the Moonshiner's Motorcycle Club.

A MAN led police on a high-speed car chase through the streets of the Black Country while more than twice the legal drink-driving limit.

Shaun Lloyd took a silver Renault Megane belonging to his parents' friend while they were at a party at their home on February 9.

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told that the 27-year-old left the house abruptly at around 11pm with his friend Karl Saunders after stealing car keys off an armchair.

Miss Alka Brigue, prosecuting, said police started following the car when it sped through a red light on Locarno Road in Tipton.

She said that Lloyd continued to drive at speed along Central Avenue and made no attempt to stop when officers sounded the police car's sirens.

"He was driving at speeds of between 40mph and 60mph and went

Report by Peter Madeley

through another set of traffic lights on Newhall Street," said Miss Brigue. "On Farmer Way, which runs through a housing estate, he narrowly avoided a collision with another car."

Lloyd eventually stopped a few yards from a sting device police had set up on Horseley Road.

Breathalysed

The court heard that Lloyd, of Jays Avenue, Dudley Port, was breathalysed and the lowest reading he provided was 86 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath – more than twice the legal limit of 35.

Miss Jane Sarginson, defending, said: "It was a moment of sheer stupidity, which he has recognised. There is no doubt alcohol affected his decision to take the keys."

Lloyd pleaded guilty to driving a motor vehicle dangerously, using a

motor vehicle without third party insurance, driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence, driving when his alcohol level was above the limit and taking a vehicle without the owner's consent.

Recorder Robert Spencer-Bernard told him: "You are a person who has never even passed a driving test and as such shouldn't be anywhere near a car."

Lloyd was sentenced to nine months in prison, suspended for 18 months. He was also placed on an 18-month supervision order and ordered to carry out 150 hours of unpaid work and pay costs of £350.

His passenger, Saunders, aged 28, of St John's Road, Tipton, was sentenced in March, being given a 12-month community order and 100 hours unpaid work after he admitted allowing himself knowingly to be carried in a motor vehicle taken without the owner's consent.

RAISING money for charity, improving the environment and inspiring others – 10 children have been rewarded for their work in Dudley borough.

The winners of Dudley Youth Council's annual youth awards were announced at a ceremony at Dormston School theatre recently.

Inspiration

Megan Hartshorne and Alexander Meads won the award for being an inspiration to others.

Luke Bodin, a pupil at High Arcal School, won the contribution to school and college award after raising money for Cancer Research UK. Sarah Paskin, James Harper and Jonathon Anderson won awards for improving the environment.

Alexander Gale won the arts and entertainment award. Blake and Cameron Hewson and Emma Bradley won the sports award.

Dudley Council's Family and Adolescent Support Team mentor project took the honours for the community, charity and voluntary group award.

The Mary Growcott award for inspirational adult went to music teacher Simon Platford who has set up very successful school bands at High Arcal.

Councillor Tim Crumpton, cabinet member for children's services, said: "Dudley Youth Council members give so much of their time with so much enthusiasm. Dudley should be proud to have such committed sons and daughters."

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Website details healthy options

A new campaign to provide people with advice on health eating and exercise has been launched by Dudley Council at www.lets-get.com and it aims to give people the chance to create their own healthy living plan.

It is hoped the site will help to promote the wide range of activities that are on offer in the borough and a guide to healthier eating and drinking.

The site features recipes for home cooking as well as details of local restaurants that serve healthy options.

Councillor Stuart Turner, cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "I would encourage everyone to get involved with the 'Let's Get' campaign by getting out there and helping us to build a fitter and happier Dudley borough."

Skills gap is at top of the agenda for new chamber boss

SORTING out the skills gap is at the top of the agenda for the new president of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce.

Sikh businessman and musician Ninder Johal, who began his two-year term of office at the start of this month, will also be working to boost exports from Black Country businesses and improve the region's transport system.

"I will be focussing on making sure the Black Country is a lot more ambitious. We need to shout about why this region is so good," added the 51-year-old father-of-two from Bearwood.

"I would like to make sure that our schools, colleges and universities are working from the same hymn sheet on sorting out the skills problem. I also think we need a common agenda for transport issues in the Black Country. The whole Black Country needs to be talking to other West Midlands communities to make sure we have a proper joined up transport system."

He said that for the Black Country to prosper it needed to be united.

"My first priority is to ensure that all the major stakeholders in the Black Country economy, including the chamber, are going in the

same direction and working for a common purpose. The chamber needs to work even closer with the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership and the councils, who have a very challenging future in front of them. It needs to ensure the message goes out to businesses that they have to create wealth and jobs."

Mr Johal said the chamber was looking at how manufacturers could be encouraged to export more. Mr Johal is managing director of Wednesbury companies Nachural Records and Nachural Corporate Communications. He plays tabla in bhangra band Achanak.

Huge interest in police jobs

ALMOST 20,000 people have expressed an interest in 450 new police officer jobs on offer in the West Midlands.

The new roles will bring an end to a five year recruitment freeze at the force.

More than 10,000 people expressed an interest in the jobs within the first four days of applications opening, with this figure now doubling to almost 20,000 since February.

The official application process for posts will start later this month.

It is believed around 75 per cent of those who have expressed an interest are under the age of 30, with 70 per cent living in the West Midlands.

Successful applicants will have a starting salary of £21,999.

Wagner's locks are hair to stay



Wagner gets pioneering treatment from Dr Nikolaos Zakythinakis

X Factor star Wagner has revealed he has had pioneering treatment paving the way for a hair transplant to cover a bald patch.

The flamboyant Brazilian-born singer is following in the footsteps of his X Factor mentor Louis Walsh, who had a hair transplant which cost £30,000.

Former Pensnett resident Wagner Fiuza-Carrilho, 58, who lives with his 22-year-old partner Lydia Longville and their young son Leon, said his mane of hair had been his crowning glory since he was 30. "In the '60s everybody had long hair, because of The Beatles and the Rolling Stones and the hippies," said Wagner. "Some people grow bald gracefully and accept it. I never wanted to accept it."

The Vinci Hair Clinic in Harley Street, London, has treated him with Acell, a medication made from the bladder of a pig, at £1,100 per session.

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**Susan Boyle, Symphony Hall,
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IF she was nervous you would not have known it. Looking every inch the diva, Susan Boyle just came out on stage and did what she does best, belt out those memorable songs in that commanding voice. At the Symphony Hall — the perfect venue for her — on her first UK live tour, she brought the audience to their feet even before the first half had finished.

She has come a long way from the Britain's Got Talent stage in 2009 and, as the spotlight fell on her at the start of the show, she re-enacted the moment when she introduced herself to the judges and even had a gentle dig at them, although she did say how grateful she was to the panel.

The 52 year-old, backed by an orchestra and with two backing singers who seemed to dwarf her, interspersed the show with her unique brand of

banter. She also introduced Lance Ellington, singer from TV's Strictly Come Dancing, who sang a couple of duets with her.

There were a few small jitters but her rendition of You Raise Me Up, backed by the Birmingham Community Gospel Choir, was quite breathtaking and she ended, of course, with the now legendary I Dreamed A Dream.

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The Manics preach to converted

Manic Street Preachers, Wolverhampton Civic Hall
WELSH rockers Manic Street Preachers have a formidable back catalogue and much of it got an airing in an hour and three-quarters gig for their faithful fans at a packed Civic Hall.

Singer James Dean Bradfield praised the Civic as one of the great rock venues where 'every gig feels like a Saturday night.' At his side was one of rock's coolest bassists, Nicky Wire, the one-time dress-wearing rocker in suit and tie.

It takes a brave band to perform in front of images of their younger selves but the Manics did as they paid tribute to their 'lost' member Richey Edwards, who disappeared in 1995.

Opening with La Tristesse Durerre, they seldom let the tempo drop but Bradfield was at his passionate best for This Sullen Welsh Heart during an acoustic interlude. Other highlights included Everything Must Go, You Love Us and last year's hit Show Me The Wonder, whilst Futurology hinted at a fine new album to come.

LEON BURAKOWSKI

Reviews



High kicking action in West Side Story at Birmingham

West Side Story is finger clickin' good

West Side Story, New Alexandra Theatre
FROM the first finger click to the final fatal gunshot, Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim's West Side Story still packs a powerful punch.

The street language may be a little dated, daddy, but this musical relocation of Romeo and Juliet, from feuding families of medieval Italy to gang wars in 1950s New York, hasn't lost any passion in this vibrant revival.

Director Joey McKneely has recreated the pioneering choreography of Jerome

Robbins — it inspired those Young Generation types in the 60s — filling the stage with dynamism thanks to a tireless cast of 30.

The songs, from the two I Feel Pretty to the moving Somewhere, were given full justice by the powerful voices of Louis Maskell as Tony and operatic Charlotte Baptie as Maria, understudy for indisposed Katie Hall.

The famous America routine, featuring thrilling Djalanga Scott as feisty Puerto Rican Anita, certainly sizzled. West Side Story continues at Birmingham until April 19.

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No regret on hearing this voice

Flossie Malaviale, The Woodman Folk Club, Kingswinford

IF there is one thing you can say about the Woodman Folk Club it's that you certainly get your money's worth with a support act opening each half before the main attraction Flossie Malaviale.

Although a British citizen Malaviale hails originally from Nimes in France. Her voice when singing in her mother language takes on a whole different persona. There is something magical, evocative and emotional when you hear a tune such as La Vie en Rose sung in its original form. Malaviale's voice has much more depth and vigour when she sings in French.

She also treated the audience to On The Road Again, I Know You By Heart — made famous by Eva Cassidy — and original version of If You Go Away, Ne Me Quitte Pas written by Belgian Jacques Brel. Malaviale went out with Wonderful World and Edith Piaf's signature tune Non, Je ne regrette rien.

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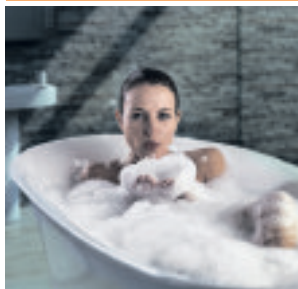
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Alan, alias Aynuk, likes to tinkle the ivories at his 'dream home' in Netherton



Early days — Alan with John Guest, the second Ayli



Alan pictured with fellow performers at the Hawbush Community Centre



Alan and third Ayli John Plant in their famous roles



Alan Smith and John Plant performing a wartime sketch

Master of mirth has had a bostin' career

AYNUK and Ayli are as synonymous with the Black Country as faggots and paes.

The comic characters, depicted in cartoons in the Express & Star by artist Paul Sellers, were brought to life one evening in a church hall. "They'll say 'he's here again'," says Alan Smith, better known as Aynuk, as he marks the 50th anniversary of the duo's first stage appearance.

Hippodrome

The veteran comic, 76, was inspired after seeing one of the most famous comedy partnerships.

"My mother and father took me as a lad of eight years old to Dudley Hippodrome and I sat laughing at two Americans called Laurel and Hardy and from that evening the spark was lit," he explains.

Born in Park Road, Netherton, Alan had attended Northfield Road School and then got a job at boiler makers Danks doing office work. He moved onto auto electrics firm

MEMORY LANE by Andy Turton

FH Jennings, also in Netherton, where he met his future wife Mollie. They tied the knot at St John's Church, Kates Hill, and have been married 55 years, moving into their 'dream home' in Arch Hill Street, Netherton, 47 years ago.

The couple had two children, Jayne and Paul, have seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

After national service, Alan returned to Jennings where he met future comedy partner John Plant. His love of performing never waned and he became producer for a drama group at Cole Street Methodist Church, and was asked to dream up ideas for a variety show.

A music hall artist called Ernie Garner, performing in the Midlands at the turn of the 20th century, had often referred to two Black Country characters, Aynuk and Ayli. The names were derived

from Old Testament prophets Enoch and Eli or Elijah.

Alan's friend Harry Felton joined him to play Ayli. They performed at Cole Street Methodist Church on April 6, 1964, and the show was a success. Alan was soon getting invitations to appear at clubs but Harry did not want to work weekends. Alan approached friend John Guest to take on the role. "I said 'Yow'm a natural. Yow luk saft any road'."

They formed a partnership lasting more than 20 years. To cement the bond further, Alan's daughter Jayne married John's youngest son Ian at St Mary's Church, Kingswinford, watched by Aynuk and Ayli, and are celebrating 30 years of marriage.

Mr Guest had to relinquish the role in the mid-1980s due to ill health and then Alan called upon his old friend John Guest.

John Guest died in June 2006 and John Plant died five months later aged 54. Alan is still performing matinee shows as 'Just Aynuk'. "I love it," he said.



'I love it' — Alan Smith was inspired by Laurel and Hardy

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Fun time Frank is coming home

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The Albion-supporting former lecturer at Halesowen College of Further Education, when he was known as Chris Collins, also brings his Man In A Suit Tour to the Symphony Hall for three consecutive nights from April 22. Call 0870 310 7000 for Wolverhampton tickets and 0121 345 0600 for Birmingham.

Tickets sold out within 90 minutes when hyperactive Lee Evans announced a warm up gig for his stadium tour at Stafford's Gatehouse Theatre on May 10.

Air and Fire on offer at Robin 2

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Last bow for the legendary Torvill and Dean Bolero routine

JT's 20/20 vision at LG Arena

IT'S party time at the LG Arena this weekend when American pop superstar Justin Timberlake brings his 20/20 Experience World Tour to the West Midlands.

The tuxedo and loaf-er-clad JT is promising an epic show. The set has featured up to 30 songs at other venues, many drawn from his two part album The 20/20 Experience, which last year completed the Memphis-born singer's return to the top in the music world after concentrating on his movie acting career.

Expect Mirrors, Rock Your Body, My Love and Cry Me A River, plus a couple of surprise cover versions, as the former member of boy band 'N Sync draws on a 12 year solo career.

Tickets start at £56.20 and go up to £104.70 for this blue chip gig.



Justin Timberlake on stage for his 20/20 Experience Tour last week Picture: Jonathan Pow

ICE is forecast as three skating shows glide into the region.

Torvill and Dean's Dancing On Ice The Final Tour at the NIA Birmingham from April 18 to 21 boasts a star-studded line-up from the TV show.

Champion of Champions Ray Quinn, the former X Factor crooner from Liverpool, tops the bill also featuring Grand panto favourite Joe Pasquale, Hear'Say singer and actress Suzanne Shaw, West End star Bonnie Langford, Olympic gymnast Beth Tweddle, Pop Idol runner-up singer Gareth Gates, former England rugby captain Kyran Bracken and Coronation Street actress Hayley Tamaddon.

Olympic gold medal winner Robin Cousins will lead the panel of judges which also features Karen Barber and Nicky Slater.

The biggest draw will no doubt be one of Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean's final performances of their legendary Bolero routine. This year marked the 30th anniversary of the routine at the Sarajevo Winter Olympics on Valentine's Day 1984 that captivated millions watching on TV around the world. It won the skaters from Nottingham gold after a flawless performance was rewarded with maximum points.

Robin Cousins' Ice will see a new generation of talent slide into action at



Ice stars Torvill and Dean

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More blade action as The Russian Ice Stars bring Peter Pan on Ice to Lichfield's Garrick Theatre from April 22 to 26.

1960s nostalgia as veterans tour

FANS of 1960s music have a tough choice tomorrow night (Friday) with stars from pop's golden era in action at two local venues.

Motown legend Martha Reeves — whose hits include soul classics Dancing In The Streets, Jimmy Mack and Nowhere To Run — brings her Vandelas to Bilston venue The Robin 2. The 72-year-old great-grandmother returned to touring after serving as a councillor in her home city of Detroit. Tickets cost £20 in advance or £22.50 on the door.

At Birmingham Town Hall there is a package show featuring Brian Poole and The Tremeloes plus Chris Farlowe and Chris Montez backed by Vanity Fare. Tickets £28 plus fees.

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TAP Factory has nothing to do with bathroom suites but it is being credited with rejuvenating a style of dance most readily associated with Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly and the golden age of Hollywood.

Tap is brought bang up to date with elements of hip hop, acrobatics and street dance in this show at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre for two nights only, Monday and Tuesday.

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Ant & Dec

Britain's Got Talent (ITV, 7.15pm)
Now that The Voice UK has been laid to rest for another few months, this old favourite is unveiled to the masses. You know the drill by now: thousands of hopefuls take to the stage for there few minutes of fame, while the camera cuts to Ant and Dec every few minutes backstage. Last year's winner's, the shadow performance group Attraction, went down a storm with the masses both in the show at the Royal Variety, as well as appearing in a lucrative advertising campaign, so who knows what awaits the 2014 winner – or winners? Naturally there will be plenty of witty asides from judges Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry Cooks. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **12.45** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Golf: The Masters – 2014 Highlights. **2.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.15** Final Score. **5.15** Film: Shrek the Third. (2007) Animated sequel, with the voice of Mike Myers.
6.40 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a 1970s-themed edition, quizzing entertainment stars from the decade. The celebrity contestants are sitcom stars Anna Karen (On the Buses) and Sally Thomsett (Man About the House), radio DJ Ed “Stewpot” Stewart and Tiswas co-host Sally James, musicians Rick Wakeman and Roy Wood, and a pair of actors – Paul Henry, best known to Crossroads fans as lovable beanie-wearing simperton Benny, and Madeline Smith of Hammer Horror fame. Who'll be best when it comes to being worst?
7.50 The National Lottery: In It To Win It. New series. Dale Winton presents the quiz show in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws and Lotto Plus 5 results.
8.40 Casualty. Jeff, Rita and Lily help a morbidly obese man get the help he needs, while Dixie bonds with an angry young motorcyclist. Robby is flattered by Cal's support during an assessment.
9.30 The Guess List. New series. Rob Brydon hosts this game show in which five celebrities, including James Corden, Jennifer Saunders and Louis Smith, help answer all sorts of everyday questions.
10.10 BBC News; Weather.
10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Fulham v Norwich City at Craven Cottage and Sunderland v Everton at the Stadium of Light; National Lottery Update.
11.50 The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Queens Park Rangers v Nottingham Forest.
1.10 Weatherview. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Film: From This Day Forward. (1946) A couple look back on their relationship and consider the future in the aftermath of the husband's service in the Second World War. Drama, starring Joan Fontaine and Mark Stevens. **7.35** Great British Menu. (R) **8.05** Great British Menu. (R) **8.35** Great British Menu. (R) **9.05** Great British Menu. (R) **9.35** Great British Menu. (R) **10.05** The Living Planet. (R) **11.30** Fred Dibnah's Industrial Age. (R) **11.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **12.00** James Martin: Home Comforts. **12.30** Joan Fontaine: Talking Pictures. **1.00 Film:** Suspicion. (1941) A newlywed is convinced her husband is up to no good when his business partner dies in mysterious circumstances. Alfred Hitchcock's thriller, starring Cary Grant and Joan Fontaine. **2.35 Film:** Rebecca. (1940) The naive second wife of a wealthy Cornish landowner is forced to live in the shadow of her glamorous predecessor. Romantic thriller, starring Laurence Olivier and Joan Fontaine. **4.45** Mountain Gorilla. (R) **5.45** Flog It! (R)
6.30 Escape to the Continent. Anita Rani heads to the Paphos district of Cyprus to help a couple find a home on a budget of £200,000. Away from the property search, Anita offers helpful tips on moving to the Mediterranean country and meets a food producer responsible for one of the island's most famous exports.
7.30 Golf: The Masters – Live. Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the third round of the opening Major of the year at the Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia, where Adam Scott is the reigning champion. Angel Cabrera and Brandt Snedeker both moved from being two shots off the lead after 36 holes to being tied at the top of the standings heading into the final round, with eventual champion Adam Scott one shot further back on six-under-par. The British contingent failed to make its expected challenge, with only Lee Westwood in the top 10 after round three, tied for ninth and five shots behind the leaders. With commentary by Peter Alliss, Ken Brown, Andrew Cotter and Paul Azinger, and reports by Rishi Persad. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
12.00 Film: Catch a Fire. (2006) A man is driven to become a freedom fighter in apartheid-era South Africa after he and his wife encounter police brutality. Fact-based drama, starring Derek Luke and Tim Robbins. **1.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dan. **6.10** Dino Dan. (R) **6.25** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.50** Animals. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.05** Animals. (R) **7.10** Om Nom Stories. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Scrambled! **9.25** TV News. **9.30** Film: Murder, She Wrote: A Story to Die For. (2000) **11.15** Dinner Date. (R) **12.15** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** Countrywise. (R) **12.45** The Crocodile Hunter Diaries. (R) **1.15** Film: Smokey and the Bandit. (1977) Comedy, starring Burt Reynolds and Jackie Gleason. **3.00** The Chase. (R) **4.00** Regional Programme.; Weather. **4.10** ITV News; Weather. **4.30** Live FA Cup Football. Wigan Athletic v Arsenal (Kick-off 5.07pm).
7.15 Britain's Got Talent. New series. Ant and Dec return with a fresh search for the nation's brightest new star, and there's a new addition to the judges' desk in the form of the golden buzzer, which gives Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon the power to send an act straight through to the live semi-finals regardless of their fellow panellists' opinions. However, they can each press it only once during the series. Leaving no stone unturned, the auditions visit London, Cardiff, Manchester, Birmingham and, for the first time, Belfast, as a wide variety of acts, from comedians to contortionists, singers to spoon players, compete for the chance to win £250,000 and a slot at this year's Royal Variety Performance.
8.30 Amazing Greys. New series. Paddy McGuinness and Angela Rippon host a game show in which young contestants take on senior citizens in a variety of challenges for a chance to win £10,000.
9.30 Law & Order: UK. Ronnie and Joe investigate the death of an elderly woman found at a well-known suicide spot, and Kate jeopardises her career as she struggles to remain professional during the case. (R)
10.30 The Americans. Elizabeth disguises herself as Clark's sister to smooth things over with Martha, and Philip works to clean up the mess of their last mission.
11.30 ITV News; Weather.
11.45 FA Cup Football Highlights. Wigan Athletic v Arsenal.
12.30 Through the Keyhole. (R) **1.25** Jackpot247. **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.30 The Grid. **7.00** Brighton Marathon. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **9.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.50** How I Met Your Mother. **11.20** How I Met Your Mother. **11.50** The Simpsons. (R) **12.15** The Simpsons. (R) **12.45** Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (R) **1.45** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Ayr and Newbury. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.45** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.50** Come Dine with Me. (R)
6.25 Channel 4 News.
6.55 Lent Diaries. Short film going behind the scenes at Faithworld TV, a dedicated Christian television channel.
7.00 Grand Designs. Michael Butcher and Phil Palmer want to bring a touch of urban glamour to their new home at Christmas Farm near Newbury by creating a modern farmhouse that combines an open-plan party pad with functional spaces below. As the builders set to work on the handcrafted flint exterior, complete with a vast trapezoid window, the pair juggle construction with farming the land, and in an attempt to make the project work financially, they set up a microbrewery in the barn. Kevin McCloud follows their progress.
8.00 Hostages. In the penultimate episode, Duncan discovers Sandrine's betrayal and decides to use it to his advantage in an attempt to help his family, who have fallen into Blair's hands. Meanwhile, Ellen has an important discussion with the first lady after the president's pre-surgery appointment. Toni Collette and Dylan McDermott star in the US drama.
9.00 Film: It's Complicated. (2009) Divorced couple Jane and Jake are reunited at their son's college graduation after 10 years apart, and end up sleeping together. Despite Jake's marriage to a younger woman and Jane's fledgling romance with a kindly architect, the pair end up having a clandestine affair. Romantic comedy, starring Meryl Streep, Alec Baldwin and Steve Martin.
11.15 Film: Epic Movie. (2007) Fantasy spoof, starring Mark Penn.
1.00 Film: Ashes of Time Redux. (1994) **2.35** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.35** SuperScrippers. (R) **5.05** River Cottage Bites. (R) **5.15** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Access. **10.05** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!: Final Demand. (R) **11.05** Film: Columbo: The Most Dangerous Match. (1973) Detective drama, with Peter Falk and Laurence Harvey. **12.35** Film: Scooby-Doo. (2002) Live-action comedy adventure, starring Sarah Michelle Gellar. **2.15** Film: The Goonies. (1985) Children's adventure, starring Sean Astin. **4.25** News Weekend. **4.35** Most Shocking Talent Show Moments. (R) **4.50** Britain's Best Loved Double Acts. A countdown celebrating terrific twosomes, cracking couples and dazzling duos from the worlds of TV, film, music, animation and sport, as voted for by Channel 5 viewers in a poll. The programme features partnerships including the Two Ronnies, Morecambe & Wise and Ant and Dec, plus there are contributions by Ronnie Corbett, Zig and Zag, Cannon and Ball, Chas & Dave, David Baddiel, Penn & Teller, Trevor and Simon, Dick and Dom and Andi Peters and Emma Fotherby.
10.10 Morecambe & Wise Live! 1973. The duo's performance at Croydon's Fairfield Halls, which was the only one of their stage shows captured on film and has not been aired on television for nearly 30 years. (R)
11.35 Film: The Plank. (1967) Two clumsy workmen carry a plank to a building site, causing various mishaps and accidents along the way. Slapstick comedy, directed by and starring Eric Sykes. With Tommy Cooper.
12.30 Film: Up the Chastity Belt. (1971) The identical twin of Richard the Lionheart is raised as a seif, and struggles to keep a cowardly knight out of trouble. Medieval comedy, starring Frankie Howerd and Graham Crowden. **2.05** SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.35** Running Riot: Britain's Teen Criminals. The realities of life for some of Britain's most notorious offenders, including two brothers among the youngest in the country to receive Asbos, and a schoolboy-turned-armed robber. (R) **4.20** Make It Big. The team is under intense pressure to sell tickets. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. Double bill. The animals are frightened by the night. (R) **5.00** Angels of Garm. Mick and Ellie help to resolve a squabble. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. Marsha tidies up the workshop. (R) **5.20** Angels of Garm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show.

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Top Gear India Special **8.30** Film: Toy Story (1995) **9.45** Sweat the Small Stuff **10.15** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **11.00** Family Guy **1.15** Sweat the Small Stuff **1.45** in the Flesh **3.45** Kerry **4.00** Close
BBC Four
7.00 Wild Wales **8.00** Chemistry – A Volatile History **9.00** Inspector De Luca **10.40** Icebound: The Greatest God Story Ever Told **11.40** Natural World: Grizzlies of Alaska **12.40** Top of the Pops: 1979 **1.15** Sounds of the 70s **2** New Wave – Hit Me with Your Rhythm Stick **1.45** Chemistry – A Volatile History **2.45** Wild Wales **3.40** Close
ITV2
11.05 The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills **1.00** Tom Daley Goes Global **2.05** You've Been Framed! **2.35** Film: The Incredible Hulk (2008) **4.50** Film: Cats & Dogs (2001) **6.35** Film: Year One (2009) **8.30** Britain's Got More Talent **9.35** You've Been Framed! **10.05** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Crazy Beaches **11.15** Britain's Got Talent **12.30** Britain's Got More Talent **1.30** Fake Reaction **2.10** Dads **2.30** You've Been Framed! **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen **ITV3**
11.20 Hidden Treasure **1.20** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.25** Foyle's War **7.30** Rosemary & Thyme **8.30** Doc Martin **9.30** Joanna Lumley's Greek Odyssey **10.30** Cold Blood **12.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **1.50** Judge Judy **2.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping **ITV4**
1.55 Film: The Last Sunset (1961) **4.10** Film: Spartacus (1960) **8.00** Ali: Still the Greatest **9.00** Film: Universal Soldier: Regeneration (2009) **11.00** Film: Scarface (1983) **2.20** Cheers **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** The Store **5.30** Teleshopping **E4**
1.00 How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Rude (ish) Tube **4.00** Made in Chelsea **5.05** How I Met Your Mother **6.05** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** The Tomorrow People **9.00** Film: Mission: Impossible 2 (2000) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory **12.25** Rude Tube: Epic Fails **1.30** 2 Broke Girls **2.00** Youngers **2.55** The Cleveland Show **3.40** Made in Chelsea **Film4**
11.00 Five Children and It (2004) **1.00** Crocodile Dundee II (1988) **3.10** Fantastic Voyage (1966) **5.10** Gulliver's Travels (2010) **6.50** Mighty Joe Young (1998) **9.00** Unstoppable (2010) **10.55** Insidious (2010) **1.00** Inferno (1980) **3.20** Close

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The Olivier Awards 2014 (ITV, 10.15pm)

The screen stars have had their fun at the Baftas, the Oscars, the Golden Globes and all the other red-carpet bashes that make up the award season. So now it's time for Britain's theatre actors to take centre stage, as ITV brings us highlights from the 38th Olivier Awards. It looks set to be a good night for musicals, with the new version of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and the revival of *Stephen Sondheim's Merrily We Roll Around* leading the field with seven nominations each. So, have your jazz hands at the ready as Gemma Arterton and Stephen Mangan present the ceremony from the Royal Opera House. And if that doesn't sound theatrical enough, Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvæus are also dropping by to celebrate 15 years of *Mamma Mia!*

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.05 Match of the Day** (R) **8.30** *Football: London Marathon.* **2.30 Sunday Politics.** **3.45 Bargain Hunt. (R) **4.30 Escape to the Country.** **5.00** *Songs of Praise.* **5.35 The People's Portrait.****

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. The Merseyside coast around Southport is the setting this week as Matt Baker looks at the history of shrimping in the area and Ellie Harrison visits a farming family as they harvest this year's first crop of potatoes. Shauna Lowry meets a couple of brothers inspired by the area's seascapes and talks to artist Antony Gormley about his standing men statues, spread out along the shoreline of Crosby beach. Tom Hodge investigates the demise of farmland birds in the UK over the past few decades and Adam Henson looks at the latest gadgets available to farmers. Including *Weather for the Week Ahead.*

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the experts pay a return visit to the Royal Agricultural University near Cirencester in the Cotswolds. Items include a mantrap that was used to stop an amorous lover intent on elopement with a vicar's daughter, a portrait of the first chairman of a well-known British insurance company, a 14th-century seal bought at a car-boot sale and a teapot which may have been handled by Lord Nelson. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations.

9.00 The Crimson Field. Kitty nurses a badly injured major who wakes to discover his troops have been all-but wiped out, while Joan clashes with Sister Margaret over the volunteers' responsibilities.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Liverpool v Manchester City and Swansea City v Chelsea. Highlights of the Premier League matches at Anfield and the Liberty Stadium respectively.

11.25 The Graham Norton Show. Graham chats to a trio of stars from the forthcoming sequel to *The Amazing Spider-Man* – Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone and Jamie Foxx. (R)

12.10 Film: *Outrageous Fortune.* (1987) **1.45 Weatherview. **1.50 BBC News.****

BBC2

6.25 Film: *The Westerner.* (1940) A wandering cowboy gets mixed up in a range war between cattlemen and homesteaders and becomes an enemy of a notorious judge. Western, starring Gary Cooper and Walter Brennan. **8.00 Countryfile. (R) **9.00 Gardeners' World. (R) **9.30 The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** **11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **12.15 MOTD Extra.** Football discussion with the Match of the Day team; *Weather for the Week Ahead.* **1.05 Film: *Gypsy.* (1962) Musical about striptease artist Gypsy Rose Lee, following her relationship with her ambitious mother. Starring Rosalind Russell and Natalie Wood, with songs by Stephen Sondheim. **3.25 Coast. (R) **3.30 Great Barrier Reef. (R) **4.30 Hog It 5.30 Athletics: London Marathon – Highlights.****************

6.30 Golf: The Masters – Live. Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the fourth and final day from the Augusta National in Georgia, where the year's first Major is set to reach a conclusion. Before last year's tournament, Australian golfers had finished in second place a total of nine times, but both Jason Day and Adam Scott were among the leaders for much of the week, and Scott eventually ended his country's agonising record by beating Angel Cabrera on the second hole of a play-off. Tiger Woods sporadically threatened to challenge, but could not find the consistency to end his drought in Majors that dates back to 2008, while Thorbjørn Olesen of Denmark found himself in the unlikely position of leading European in a tie for fifth, with Lee Westwood the highest-placed British golfer in a share of eighth. With commentary by Peter Alliss, Ken Brown, Andrew Cottler and Paul Azinger, and reports by Rishi Persad. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

12.00 Film: *Phantoms.* (1998) Two sisters and a sheriff try to find out why all the residents of their home town have vanished, with help from a paranormal expert. Horror, starring Peter O'Toole and Ben Affleck. **1.30 Sign Zone: Countryfile. Princess Anne invites Tom Heap to her Gloucestershire home, Gatcombe Park, which she runs as a working farm, talking about the issues facing the British countryside. (R) **2.25 Holy City. Harry is intrigued to learn Raf and Amy's marriage is not quite as perfect as it appears. Dominic offends best friend Zoë. (R) **3.25 This is BBC Two.******

ITV

6.00 CITV: *Dino Dan.* **6.10 Dino Dan. (R) **6.25 Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.50 Animals. (R) **7.00 Animals. (R) **7.05 Animals. (R) **7.10 Om Nom Stories. (R) **7.15 Sooty. (R) **7.30 Scrambled!** **9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.25 Film:** *Columbo: Murder, Smoke and Shadows.* (1989) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **12.25 ITV News; Weather. **12.30 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries. (R) **1.00 All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.45 Big Star's Little Star. (R) **2.40 Britain's Got Talent.** (R) **3.55 Film: *Octopussy.* (1983) James Bond spy adventure, starring Roger Moore.**************************

6.25 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.30 ITV News; Weather.

6.45 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show, asking three contestants to "see it and say it" as they try to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues. After the first elimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round, where one of them could win £50,000.

7.30 Off Their Rockers. A pensioner attempts a daredevil escape from a care home. Rosemary needs help to locate her dog and Sonia has a quick nap on a comfy shoulder. Hidden-camera comedy, featuring fearless senior citizens playing pranks on the public.

8.00 Endeavour. A housewife found choked to death in her own home marks the third strangulation in a month, setting Oxford police on edge. As a manhunt begins in search of a murderer targeting married women, Endeavour looks into the origin of the silk stocking used to kill the latest victim, tracing the garment to its sole supplier in the city. However, as the suspect list narrows and the culprit stalks his prey with increasing desperation, Morse and Thursday find their private lives turned upside down and miss a deeper tragedy unfolding.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 The Olivier Awards 2014. Highlights of today's ceremony celebrating British theatre, featuring Abba's Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvæus in a 15th-anniversary celebration of the hit stage show *Mamma Mia!*

12.00 Premiership Rugby Union. **12.50 The Store.** Home shopping. **2.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **4.05 ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service. **5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)**

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Street Velodrome. (R) **6.40 Goodwood 72nd Members' Meeting. **7.05 How I Met Your Mother.** **7.30 How I Met Your Mother.** **7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25 Frasier. (R) **8.55 Frasier. (R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch.** **12.30 Secret Eaters. (R) **1.35 The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.05 The Simpsons. (R) **2.35 Film:** *Stormbreaker.* (2006) Spy adventure, starring Alex Pettyfer. **4.25 Deal or No Deal.** **5.25 Channel 4 News.** **5.45 Lent Lilies.** **5.55 Film:** *Marley and Me.* (2008) Comedy drama, starring Owen Wilson and Jennifer Aniston.**************

8.00 Dirty Weekendenders in France with Richard E Grant. The self-confessed curio hunter takes a trip to France to explore the world of professional antique hunters and dealers who seek out hidden treasures at flea markets and shops all over the country, hoping to find items that will sell in the UK. The actor is joined by two dealers to discover the stories behind a variety of vintage finds, as well as exploring the history and culture of the areas they visit. But can they recover their outlay in a weekend?

9.00 Film: The Three Musketeers. (2011) Premiere. A hot-headed swordsman sets off to join the King of France's royal guard, and falls in with a trio of former members who have fallen into disgrace. They join forces to defeat a plot to overthrow the king by an English lord who has built a deadly war airship. Swashbuckling adventure, with Logan Lerman, Milla Jovovich, Matthew Macfadyen, Ray Stevenson and Luke Evans.

11.15 Film: No Country for Old Men. (2007) A hunter takes the money left at the scene of a botched drug deal, but a merciless hitman is on his trail. The Coen brothers' thriller, starring Josh Brolin and Javier Bardem.

1.30 The Good Wife. A South American dictator causes complications in a dispute. (R) **2.20 The Hotel.** The staff encounter several problems as they prepare for Ladies' Night, and one of the bedrooms receives a last-minute makeover as the inspector returns to assess the Grosvenor. (R) **3.15 Secret Removers.** Claire Smith and George Johnson help a violinist to surprise her husband with a new family home in which he can work on his compositions without distraction. (R) **4.10 SuperScrimpers. (R) **5.05 Deal or No Deal.** Beat-the-banker game show. (R)**

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! *Peppa Pig.* **6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15 Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25 Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.35 The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50 Chloe's Closet. **7.00 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20 Make Way for Moby. (R) **7.30 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.40 City of Friends. (R) **7.50 Little Princess. (R) **8.05 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25 Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40 Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15 Jelly Jam. (R) **9.30 LazyTown. (R) **10.00 Power Rangers Super Samurai. (R) **10.25 Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) **11.00 Film:** *Winnie the Pooh.* (2011) Animated adventure, with the voice of Jim Cummings. **1.50 Film:** *Surf's Up.* (2007) Animated comedy, with the voice of Jeff Bridges. **3.25 Film:** *Chicken Little.* (2005) Premiere. Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Zach Braff. **4.55 Film:** *Oliver & Company.* (1988) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Joey Lawrence.**************************************

6.25 5 News Weekend.

6.30 Film: Spider-Man 3. (2007) A sinister alien parasite brings out the web-slinging hero's darker side, filling him with thoughts of revenge on his uncle's murderer, the shape-shifting Sandman. Meanwhile, he also has to contend with the challenge of his best friend following in his father's villainous footsteps – and a jealous rival developing superpowers of his own. Superhero sequel, with Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst and James Franco.

9.00 Film: Grown Ups. (2010) Premiere. Five friends attend the funeral of their basketball coach, and decide to relieve their childhood over a weekend at a lake house. Comedy, with Adam Sandler and Chris Rock.

11.10 Film: The Goonies. (1985) The discovery of a treasure map plunges seven kids into the adventure of a lifetime to save their homes from developers. Children's adventure, starring Sean Astin and Corey Feldman.

1.15 Police Interceptors. (R) **2.05 SuperCasino. **3.35 The Nightmarer.** Neighbour Next Door. (R) **4.20 Make It Big. (R) **4.50 The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00 Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20 Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25 The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R)****************

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel **8.00 Film:** *Toy Story 2* (1999) **9.30 Live at the Apollo** **10.00 Family Guy** **10.45 Sweat the Small Stuff** **11.15 American Dad!** **12.00 The Call Centre** **1.00 Porn – What's the Harm?** **2.00 Killer Magic** **2.30 Sweat the Small Stuff** **3.00 In the Flesh**

BBC Four

7.00 Danny Boy: The Ballad That Bewitched the World **8.00 Ultimate Irish Music** at the Royal Albert Hall: A Presidential Celebration **9.00 Voyages of Discovery** **10.00 The Sky at Night** **10.30 Definitely Dusty** **11.30 Danny Boy:** The Ballad That Bewitched the World **12.30 Arena: Amy Winehouse – The Day She Came to Dingle** **1.30 Britpop at the BBC** **2.30 Voyages of Discovery** **3.30 The Sky at Night** **4.00 Close**

ITV2

12.25 Film: *Dennis* (1993) **2.15 Film:** *Nancy Drew* (2007) **4.25 Britain's Got Talent** **5.40 Britain's Got More Talent** **6.45 You've Been Framed!** **7.15 Film:** *Johnny English* (2003) **9.00 Film: *Knocked Out* (2007) **11.35 Film: *Paranormal Activity* (2007) **1.30 Mom** **2.20 The Vampire Diaries******

ITV3

1.35 Agatha Christie's Marple **3.40 Rosemary & Thyme** **4.40 Agatha Christie's Point 5.55 Inspector Morse** **8.00 The Zoo** **9.00 Birds of a Feather** **9.30 Vicious** **10.00 Film: *Private Benjamin* (1980) **12.00 Film: *Murder by Decree* (1978) **2.35 Judge Judy** **3.15 ITV3 Nightscreen** **3.40 Emmerdale******

ITV4

11.25 Ax Men **12.20 Film: *Night Passage* (1957) **2.15 Film: *Spartacus* (1960) **6.00 Storage Wars** **8.00 Premiership Rugby Union** **9.00 FA Cup Football Highlights** **10.00 Film: *Public Enemies* (2009) **12.45 Benidorm** **1.50 World's Wildest Police Videos** **2.35 Highway Patrol** **3.00 The Store********

E4

12.30 Made in Chelsea **1.35 Revenge** **2.40 Rudelish!** **3.05 How I Met Your Mother** **4.05 The Big Bang Theory** **5.00 The Tomorrow People** **6.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine** **6.35 The Big Bang Theory** **8.00 Film: *The Simpsons Movie* (2007) **10.00 Rude Tube: *Epic Fails* (2012) **11.00 How I Met Your Mother** **12.00 Rules of Engagement** **1.00 The Cleveland Show** **2.00 Bob's Burgers** **3.10 Hollywood******

Film4

11.00 Baby's Day Out (1994) **1.00 Bandslam (2009) **3.10 James and the Giant Peach (1996) **4.45 Mirror Mirror (2012) **6.50 America's Sweethearts (2001) **9.00 Forrest Gump (1994) **11.40 The Beach (2000) **2.00 Heartbeats (2010)**************

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Film Choices

MONDAY

Mystery Woman, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A photographer inherits a bookshop specialising in crime novels and soon finds herself embroiled in a real-life conundrum. When her literary idol is found hanged, she refuses to believe it was suicide and tries to prove he was killed to stop him revealing the truth about an unsolved murder. The first in the series of whodunits, starring Kellie Martin and Robert Wagner. (2003)

TUESDAY

The Grudge 2, ITV, 10.35pm

After barely surviving a fire that burned a cursed Tokyo house to the ground, Karen Davis is recovering in hospital. Karen's sister Aubrey travels to Japan to bring her home, but her investigation into the suspicious events leading up to her sibling's injuries sets Aubrey on a frantic mission to prevent menacing supernatural beings from reaching the US. Horror sequel, with Amber Tamblyn, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Edison Chen and Arielle Kebbel. (2006)

WEDNESDAY

Scary Movie 4, BBC1, 11.55pm

Dim-witted Cindy Campbell gets a job as the caretaker of a haunted house, where she comes into contact with the ghost of a little Japanese boy. He tells her he knows a secret way to rid the Earth of invading aliens – but then he unfortunately vanishes before passing it on to her. Spoof horror sequel, starring Anna Faris, Leslie Nielsen, Craig Bierko, Anthony Anderson and Carmen Electra. (2006)



The Bourne Supremacy, Friday, ITV, 10.15pm

THURSDAY

Mercury Rising, ITV, 10.35pm

A top-secret government agency has developed a seemingly unbreakable code – only for an autistic boy to crack it in an instant. Assassins succeed in gunning down his parents, but a maverick FBI agent investigating their deaths finds the child hiding in a closet, and resolves to shield him from the hitmen on his trail. Thriller, starring Bruce Willis. (1998)

FRIDAY

The Bourne Supremacy, ITV, 10.15pm

The amnesiac assassin is living quietly in hiding, until his former employers come after him again and murder his girlfriend. A CIA operation has ended in disaster, and those responsible intend to clear their names by implicating Bourne. As the former secret agent tries to evade the hitmen on his trail, he also struggles to piece together the truth about his past. Action thriller sequel, starring Matt Damon, Brian Cox, Joan Allen and Julia Stiles. (2004)

Pick of the Week

The nation waits for a new star to be born

Now The Voice UK has been laid to rest for another few months, the talent search gap is filled by this old favourite.

You know the drill by now: thousands of hopefuls take to the stage for these few minutes of fame, while the camera cuts to Ant and Dec every few minutes backstage cackling like light entertainment's answer to Hamlet's Rosencrantz and Guildenstern.

If that reference is too highbrow, rest assured there's no chance of that with BGT. It won't tax your literary knowledge at all, but it will delight, shock, entertain and leave millions in face-palm mode as the good, the mediocre and the genuinely hopeless deliver their act.

So, if Ant had any advice for the participants, what would it be?

Step it up when you get to the live shows," he explains. "Those acts that have got real talent raise their game and put a lot of thought and rehearsal into their act." Dec admits he is always amazed by the variety of talent on offer. "Every

day we arrive at the auditions and don't know who is about to appear, so for us it's as surprising as it is for the audience. That's why we love our role on the show."

There's a slight change to proceedings this year with the introduction of the Golden Buzzer. Each judge gets the chance to press it, which will fast track the act to the live shows without any further auditions. As judges Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon are now all proud parents, there's perhaps little surprise the BGT marketing team have coined the phrase: "The Mummy and Daddy of all talent shows is back!" Hmm, not the greatest tagline we've ever seen, but it scarcely matters as many of the acts we'll see this year should make up for any lacklustre straplines. And who knows? Some of the contestants may even end up as movie stars.

Since the series began seven years ago we've marvelled as Paul Potts went from phone salesman to singing sensation; gasped at Diversity's street-smart moves,

and our ribs were tickled by impressionist Paul Burling. All have been featured in movies since, with James Corden portraying Potts in One Chance, Ashley Banjo's dance troupe stealing the show in Streetdance 3D, and Burling appearing in The Harry Hill Movie. And with winning pooch Pudsey about to be seen on the big screen in his own film, it looks like BGT-inspired flicks are set to continue for some time to come. Last year's winner's, the Hungarian shadow performance group Attraction, went down a storm with the masses both in the show at the Royal Variety, as well as appearing in a lucrative advertising campaign, so who knows what awaits the 2014 winner – or winners?

As the show kicks off, there will be plenty of witty asides from judges Simon, David, Amanda and Alesha, and no doubt a few plugs for Cowell and Harry Hill's new musical I Can't Sing along the way.

Let's hope the vocalists in this edition don't live up to its name.



The judges pass their opinion in Britain's Got Talent, ITV, 7.15pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Undeniable

ITV, 9pm

Monday night, 9pm, ITV – which means it's time for another one of their WIPFPBD sagas (Woman in peril from psycho bloke dramas). Okay, that acronym will never catch on, but ITV bosses love turning out these formulaic strands regardless, and the latest one is a cracker. For newcomers, Claire Goose plays Jane Phillips, a woman who recognises Andrew, the consultant oncologist who killed her mother 23 years ago. Despite undeniable evidence, Jane remains convinced he is guilty, so when her prime suspect is reinstated at the hospital where he works, she assaults him. The supporting cast includes Peter Firth, Felix Scott, Christine Bottomley and Pippa Haywood.

The Treasure Hunters

BBC1, 9pm

After spending last week seeking out the earth's natural treasures, Dallas Campbell and Ellie Harrison turn their attentions to those which have been crafted by human hands. As the two-part documentary draws to a close, Dallas dons his diving suit and descends to a shipwreck where 5,000 emeralds have been found, before heading off to locate a treasure chest hidden in the Rocky Mountains and coming face to face with China's Terracotta Army. Ellie, meanwhile, walks into a bejewelled room in Russia which has been decked out with millions of pounds' worth of amber. She also talks to diamond-cutters about just how costly a slip of the hand can be, and stares into the death mask of Tutankhamun.

TUESDAY

The Big Allotment Challenge

BBC2, 8pm

Amateur stitchers have The Great British Sewing Bee, cooks have MasterChef, and people who can make really nice bread have The Great British Bake Off, so it was probably about time that the nation's gardeners got a chance to show off their skills. Presented by Fern Britton, the six-part series sees nine pairs of 'allotmenters' taking on challenges designed to test their ability to cultivate fruits, vegetables and flowers that will meet the high standards of award-winning gardener Jim Butters, international floral designer Jonathan Moseley and 'Queen of Preserves' Thane Prince. In this opening episode, the contestants face their first challenge – growing and presenting three matching radishes and seven perfect spikes of sweet peas, making up a floral arrangement and turning ingredients from their allotment into jam.

WEDNESDAY

The Hunt for the Boston Bombers

Channel 4, 10pm

This documentary charts the efforts of the FBI and Boston Police Department to track down those responsible for the bombs which killed three people and injured a further 264 at last year's Boston Marathon. Spokespeople from those organisations, as well as victims and witnesses relate the events of that terrifying day, as well as the procedures the authorities followed – and the dilemmas

they faced when it came to revealing who their suspects were. Was it right to release photographs of the culprits in an attempt to flush them out, or did it lead to further acts of violence? There's also an insight into the part played by the media, and the lessons learned from the experiences of all involved.

THURSDAY

Protecting Our Parents

BBC2, 9pm

It might shock most to know that there are more pensioners than children living in Britain, and more pressure than ever is being placed on the NHS and social services. This insightful three-part series examines the issue, as cameras follow teams in Birmingham dealing with older adults, charting cases over the course of a year from their perspective. In this first instalment, we meet Betty Williams, Jim Page and Henry Robinson, who have each found themselves in hospital as the result of a fall. They're all keen to return home, but the professionals are faced with the challenge of balancing their patients' safety with their hankering for independence.



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FRIDAY

The Great North Passion

BBC1, 12pm

It's Good Friday and BBC is marking the occasion by taking the story of the Passion, from Christ's trial to his eventual death, and transplanting it to the seafront at South Shields. If you don't think that sounds particularly biblical, you'll have to think again when you see the set for this live event – it's being staged in a cross made out of shipping containers. Presenter Fern Britton will also be bringing us this extravaganza of art, dance and music, with contributions from local performers and special guest, one-time X Factor winner Alexandra Burke. And documentary short films exploring both the Passion and the story of the North East, it looks set to be a celebration of the region, as well as a timely reminder that there's more to Easter than chocolate eggs.

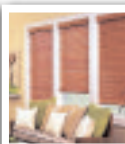
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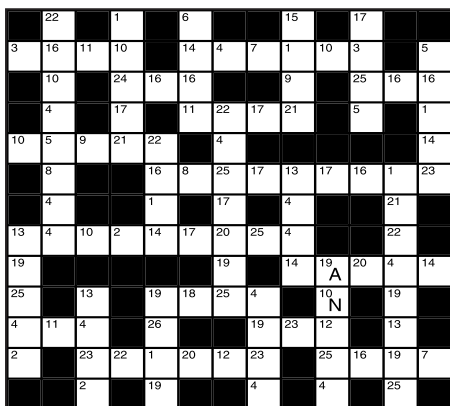
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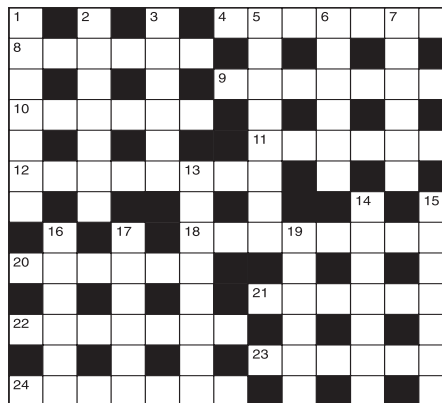
Cryptic Clues:

Across

4. Waiting for Mass (7)
8. Sort of type inclined to impress (6)
9. Not straight (7)
10. This by itself is a very gradual process (6)
11. Catch a potential parent (6)
12. A water-colour? (3-5)
18. Drawing too much (8)
20. Keep your thanks in check (6)
21. A cook may use a tin one (6)
22. Strangely men fail to get excited (7)
23. Ensures one has a nap standing up (4)
24. Upset a caterer in a domestic row (7)

Down

1. Still without music (7)
2. Father on trial perhaps, and that's not all (7)
3. Farmer at the helm (6)
5. A rise for a cardinal (8)
6. Boasts in a letter to relations (6)
7. Possibly cares about a Roman emperor (6)
13. In distribution of income the company is thrifty (8)
14. Sharing out with relish (7)
15. Speech might indicate where one's home is (7)
16. Spirited comeback can cause a scene (6)
17. He may live for weeks on water (6)
19. Produced the rent (6)



Quick Clues:

Across

4. Debate (7)
8. Publicly (6)
9. Idiomatic (7)
10. Ingenious (6)
11. Supplication (6)
12. Judgement (8)
18. Cloudy (8)
20. Disclose (6)
21. Well (6)
22. Attribute (7)
23. Expand (6)
24. Lower (7)

Down

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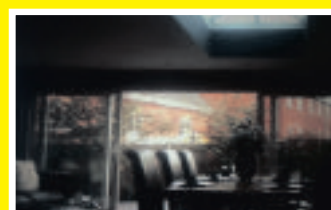
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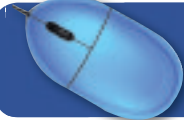
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Training to become a lifeguard

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The course comprises physical training and theoretical work, followed by a practical assessment in and out of the water. There is no written exam.

Participants must be at least 16 years old and take a 15-minute pre-arranged swimming test beforehand.

The course runs each day from 2pm to 10.30pm. The course costs £240. Spaces must be pre-booked with a deposit of £50. The balance must be paid before the first day of the course. For more information, or to provisionally book, call Nikki Tranter at Crystal Leisure Centre, on (01384) 812800.

Retirement village helps the elderly and young people

APPRENTICES have been taken on to work on a new £18 million retirement village starting to take shape on the site of the former Cradley High School.

Midland Heart has started work on the development of 120 homes on land off Slade Road. Work is due to be completed by spring next year.

The developer has taken on eight apprentices who have been able to get hands-on experience to finish their qualifications.

Among them is 18-year-old Ryan Pawney, from Quarry Bank, who is now working on the site as a fully qualified bricklayer after completing his NVQ Level 2 in bricklaying in November. He has been taken on by Loughborough-based William Davis Ltd, the contractor for the scheme.

He said: "I am happy with the hands-on experience I was able to gain on site; it meant I was able to finish my training and

become fully qualified. The fact that it has also led to a permanent job is brilliant."

The scheme, named Lime Gardens, will provide housing for over 55s for rent and sale, as well as health facilities and 24-hour care and support for those who need it.

There will be communal leisure facilities including a shop, restaurant, library, gym and well-being facility, which will form the focal point of the community living there.

Nick Byrne, deputy director of assets at Midland Heart said: "We're very pleased that we have been able to help these young people gain the experience they need. As an organisation we are committed to creating opportunities which make a contribution to tackling youth unemployment."

Councillor Steve Waltho, cabinet member for housing, said: "Our vision for extra care is to provide schemes where older people can live independently, in a safe environment. But I am delighted that this scheme is also able to benefit local young people."

Delight as Daisy-Mae comes home



Baby Daisy-Mae Little is now at home in Pensnett with mother Jennie after she was born three and a half months early

A BABY born three-and-a-half months premature has been taken home by her doting parents and is 'going from strength-to-strength'.

Daisy-Mae Little had to spend more than 13 weeks in hospital following her early arrival.

But her parents Wayne and Jennifer have finally been able to take her home to Pensnett.

Daisy-Mae still needs a lot of care but her family said they were delighted she was now at home.

Mr Little said: "Daisy-Mae is settling in really well. We are still finding our feet a little bit at the moment and getting used to all of the changes but she is going from strength-to-strength."

Mr Little said his daughter has an alarm which monitors her breathing. It is connected to a monitor which clicks which every breath she takes.

"Eventually, as Daisy-Mae gets stronger, we will be able to remove the alarm but in this past couple of weeks

we would not have been able to function without it," he said.

"Earlier this week we were back up at Russells Hall Hospital for checks to be carried out on Daisy-Mae's eyes. All of the staff were really excited to meet her. She has certainly developed a good pair of lungs. She cried a little during the test and she could be heard through the unit."

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Netherton Office Offers Around
£159,950

3 Bed Dudley Road, ROWLEY REGIS



EPC: TBC

Situated on this excellent sized plot, providing potential for re-development of the site (Subject to Planning permission), the existing dwelling requires complete refurbishment and has accommodation to comprise: Entrance hallway, two reception rooms, kitchen, downstairs w.c., storage area and lean to utility space. Off road parking to the front, gated vehicle access to the side provides access to the rear plot having large garage and various outbuildings. Viewing is a must!

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1 Bed Dudley Close, ROWLEY REGIS



EPC: E

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2 Bed Dudley Wood Road, DUDLEY WOOD



EPC: E

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3 Bed Purlin Wharf, NETHERTON



EPC: C

Immaculately presented and deceptively spacious semi-detached home having good sized accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen, downstairs w.c., two double bedrooms with en-suite to the master, third bedroom and modern re-fitted family bathroom. It also benefits from a converted garage ideal for anybody needing a home office. A viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the space this home has to offer!

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3 Bed Overdale Road, QUINTON



EPC: D

Good sized end of terraced home situated on this substantial corner plot having gas central heating, double glazing and accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen with downstairs wet room off and three excellent sized bedrooms. There is a landscaped front garden and gated access to substantial garden behind. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, an early viewing is recommended.

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EPC: TBC

Well presented semi-detached home situated on this substantial corner plot providing ample off road parking and comprising of: Entrance hallway, lounge, extended kitchen, downstairs w.c., two good sized bedrooms and family bathroom. The property also benefits from being gas centrally heated and double glazed with off road parking to the front and low maintenance rear garden. Internal viewing is strongly recommended to fully appreciate.

Netherton Office Offers Around
£98,500

3 Bed Russells Hall Road, DUDLEY



EPC: C

Situated on the popular Russells Hall residential estate this property does require some cosmetic improvements but has accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hallway, downstairs w.c., open plan kitchen and living area with doorway through to lounge, three good sized bedrooms and a family bathroom. It benefits from being gas centrally heated, double glazed, off road parking and garage. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, an early viewing is highly recommended.

Netherton Office Offers Around
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2 Bed Green Park Road, DUDLEY



EPC: F

Semi-detached home situated in this convenient location with good access to all local amenities and road networks. It comprises of: Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, downstairs w.c. and two bedrooms and family bathroom. The property also benefits from off road parking, front and rear gardens, gas central heating and double glazing. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, an early viewing is highly recommended.

Netherton Office Offers in Excess Of
£75,000

3 Bed Cradley Road, NETHERTON



EPC: TBC

This immaculately presented mid terraced home situated in this highly convenient location with excellent access to all local amenities. The property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing and has accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hallway, through lounge/diner, extended kitchen, and three bedrooms and a family bathroom. Benefiting from off road parking and good sized rear garden, an early viewing is highly recommended to avoid missing out!

Netherton Office Offers Around
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3 Bed Abingdon Road, NETHERTON



EPC: D

Well presented detached home situated on this good sized corner plot to comprise of: Entrance hallway, through lounge/diner and modern kitchen, three bedrooms and a family bathroom. The property has ample off road parking, garage and potential additional parking and car port area. It also benefits from warm air heating and double glazing and has access to all local amenities. Viewing is highly recommended to fully appreciate the accommodation on offer.

Netherton Office Offers Around
£169,950

2 Bed Warwick Road, NETHERTON



EPC: D

This semi-detached home makes excellent use of the front and benefits from gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, downstairs w.c., rear hallway, two double bedrooms and family bathroom. The property also benefits from off road parking and a rear garden. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, call now to view!

Netherton Office Offers Around
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3 Bed Pimlico Court, DUDLEY



EPC: D

Offering an excellent opportunity to first time buyers or investors, this well presented terraced home is situated in this quiet cul-de-sac location. The property benefits from central heating (where specified) and double glazing and comprises: Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. This is an ideal location and early viewing of this realistically priced home is strongly recommended.

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3 Bed St Marks Road, DUDLEY



EPC: C

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£153,000

2 Bed Brades Road, OLDBURY

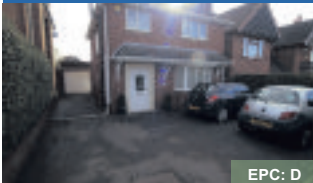


EPC: C

This modern, well presented first floor flat offers an excellent opportunity to first time buyers or investors having the remainder of NHBC warranty and being available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. It comprises: Private entrance hall, kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms and bathroom. Having allocated parking to rear and being situated in this convenient location close to the canal basin, an early viewing is highly recommended to avoid disappointment.

Netherton Office Offers Over
£84,950

3 Bed Buffery Road, DUDLEY



EPC: D

Immaculately presented and good sized traditional detached property benefiting from accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hallway, through lounge/diner and refitted kitchen, three good sized bedrooms and a modern family bathroom and the property is also gas centrally heated and double glazed, has off road parking to the fore with access to the garage and landscaped rear garden. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this property.

Netherton Office Offers Around
£164,950

2 Bed Weston Avenue, OLDBURY



EPC: F

This well presented semi-detached home situated in this popular residential location and benefitting from double glazed accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hallway, lounge being open plan through to dining room, extended kitchen, and to the first floor there are two bedrooms and a family bathroom. Viewing is highly recommended to fully appreciate.

Netherton Office Offers Around
£107,500

3 Bed Oakham Road, TIVIDALE



EPC: E

Immaculately presented, much improved and extended detached home situated in this popular residential location. It benefits from accommodation to comprise of: Entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, excellent sized dining room, kitchen and conservatory, three bedrooms and family bathroom and the property also benefits from an integral garage, ample off road parking, rear garden, gas central heating and double glazing. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, internal viewing is recommended to appreciate the accommodation on offer.

Netherton Office Offers Around
£189,950

2 Bed Summerton Road, TIVIDALE



EPC: B

Ground floor apartment situated on the 'Coppice Gate' development with accommodation to comprise: Lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom. The property further benefits from double glazing, storage heaters, and designated off road parking. A viewing is highly recommended for either first time buyers or buy to let investors - this apartment has been let for a number of years at £475 p.c.m.

Netherton Office Offers Invited
£79,950

3 Bed Bell End, ROWLEY REGIS



EPC: C

STAMP DUTY PAID!! EXTREMELY SPACIOUS DETACHED family residence presented to a high standard throughout having attractive lounge, conservatory, fitted kitchen, three double bedrooms, refitted bathroom, guest cloakroom and garage. With block paved driveway for several vehicles, the double glazed and centrally heated accommodation MERITS FULL INTERNAL INSPECTION. (*Stamp duty paid by vendors subject to offer made).

Netherton Office Offers Around
£169,950

2 Bed Hereford Road, NETHERTON



EPC: E

Immaculately presented semi-detached home situated on this good sized corner plot providing ample off road parking. It also benefits from gas central heating (where stated) and rear garden and has accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hallway, lounge, breakfast kitchen, downstairs w.c. and two double bedrooms and family bathroom. Also benefitting from off road parking, an early viewing is recommended.

Netherton Office Offers Around
£92,500

4 Bed Racemeadow Crescent, DUDLEY WOOD



EPC: C

Situated within popular cul de sac, this four bedroom detached family home presented to a high standard throughout, being both double glazed and centrally heated includes hall, lounge with dining room, conservatory, fitted kitchen, separate utility and downstairs w.c., master bedroom with en suite shower room, three further bedrooms, family bathroom, garage and low maintenance gardens. Viewing essential!

Netherton Office Offers Over
£200,000

2 Bed Quayside Walk, NETHERTON



EPC: C

This immaculately presented top floor apartment situated in this popular development with commanding views out over the canal has accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms with ensuite shower to master bedroom and family bathroom. It also benefits from electric heating throughout and double glazing, allocated parking and communal gardens. Call now to avoid missing out.

Netherton Office Offers Around
£110,000

3 Bed Baptist End Road, NETHERTON



EPC: C

Offering an excellent opportunity to the first time buyer or young family, this well presented, centrally heated, double glazed and alarmed, three bedroom home is pleasantly situated within this convenient location close to most local amenities. Benefitting from security lighting to front and rear, NO UPWARD CHAIN and off road parking and car port to the rear, early viewing is highly recommended.

Netherton Office Offers Around
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EXTENDED with "GRANNY SUITE"; A particularly spacious, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached that has been significantly modernised over the years carefully retaining a number of period features set in highly favoured district. Superb accommodation includes; glazed porch, reception hall, understairs pantry/cloaks, dining room with bay, lounge (with double opening French doors out to garden), extended 18'1" breakfast kitchen with IKEA units, outer lobby, wet/shower room room, fourth bedroom. To the first floor; a central landing, and three generous bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with a white contemporary suite with chrome detailing and a shower. Large GARAGE/WORK SHOP, lengthy secluded rear garden with sun patios. EPC Rating D SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £239,950

Paganel Drive



Wall Heath



Millers Green Drive

This IMPOSING 'SALISBURY' DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE by David Payne Homes enjoys a broad frontage and 'corner' setting within this exclusive address on the countryside fringes of Wall Heath village, well placed for respected schools, and offering a successful layout to include: Hall with Cloaks/Toilet off, SPLENDID 15'6" LOUNGE with timber CONSERVATORY off, COMBINED DINING ROOM-with-REFITTED 'SHAKER' CREAM FITTED KITCHEN, rear Hall/Conservatory in UPVC, THREE SPLENDID BEDROOMS, Bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and 'MAHOGANY' finish UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Fore lawn, drive, GARAGE and delightful rear patio and level lawn with southerly aspect forming a natural sun trap. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£227,950 - No Upward Chain

DUDLEY



Malthouse Drive

An exceptionally stylish, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached that has been tremendously enhanced to a superb specification by present vendors occupying a fine corner plot in popular district. The tremendous accommodation includes; entrance hallway, reapointed/fitted cloakroom, lounge (with oak strip floor), dining room, and double doors through to a uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, upgraded kitchen with an extensive range of "gloss cream" finish units with integrated appliances. Principal bedroom with "Sharpes" fitted units & an upgraded shower room en suite, two further bedrooms (one with wardrobe) and a refitted/refitted bathroom with contemporary white suite. Lengthy driveway, substantial brick garage, delightful secluded landscaped rear garden with decking. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £175,000

Kingswinford



Ambrose Crescent

REQUIRING COMPLETE REFURBISHMENT, this MODERN LINK-DETACHED BUNGALOW forms part of this superb cul de sac address upon highly respected 'Charterfields', offering MOST IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS accommodation with FANTASTIC POTENTIAL FOR IMPROVEMENT and comprising: reception hall, incredibly spacious lounge, kitchen, TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, bathroom, rear veranda; GAS CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM and PART UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With a lawned fore garden, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and REAR GARDEN (also in need of improvement). EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Offers in the Region Of £149,950

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Bilston Street

DOUBLE GARAGE AT REAR! A deceptively spacious freehold, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed semi detached excellently positioned within walking distance of Sedgley's bulling and all associated amenities. A number of period features have been retained/enhanced. Accommodation comprises traditional reception hall, store, dining room with open fireplace, transverse lounge with open fireplace, inner vestibule and superb 17'11" breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units. Two (potentially three) bedrooms, bathroom, secluded/sheltered rear garden and substantial concrete panel 20ft x 17ft contractors garage. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £132,750

DUDLEY



Manderston Close

This modern style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated two bedroom semi detached home is situated in a well regarded cul de sac and may represent an ideal first time buy. The well presented property briefly comprises; stylish lounge, kitchen with a fine range of units, guest WC, two bedrooms, bathroom with white suite and rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

PENSNETT



Tiled Lane

This traditional style, extended, uPVC Double Glazed, gas centrally heated, TWO BEDROOM Semi Detached property is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and whilst requiring certain cosmetic improvement works, offers excellent potential. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Porch, Hall, Through Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Kitchen, Ground Floor Shower Room, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, Bathroom, Garage, Driveway and a good size Rear Garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£89,950

Brierley Hill



Orchard Street

This traditional style uPVC Double Glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, TWO BEDROOM Semi-Detached home is situated in an established residential location and may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Guest WC, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, Bathroom with white suite, and a good size rear Garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£79,950

Brierley Hill



Dadford View

This modern style, TWO BEDROOM Ground Floor Flat may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: secure Communal Entrance, Private Hall, Open Plan Lounge and Refitted Kitchen, TWO BEDROOMS, Bathroom and allocated Parking Space. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£62,950

LAKESIDE NEAR STOURBRIDGE



Kirkstone Way

Enjoying an elevated position within this popular development, this SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED and IMPROVED, FIVE BEDROOM, DETACHED FAMILY HOME affords an excellent re-planned layout with GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING, to briefly comprise: hall, guests cloakroom, large sitting room, extended dining kitchen, additional sitting room with conservatory off, five good first floor bedrooms (master with EN-SUITE), principal bathroom and additional modern shower room. Large drive, double garage and enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating D. STOURBRIDGE OFFICE 01384 395555

£295,000

Wall Heath



£9,000 REDUCTION

Maidensbridge Road



A QUITE EXCEPTIONAL, INCREDIBLY DECEPTIVE AND EXPENSIVELY IMPROVED DETACHED FAMILY BUNGALOW enjoying a most enviable location, now offering EXTENDED, INCREDIBLY GENEROUS and IMMACULATELY RE-APPOINTED accommodation comprising: Central Hallway, very large extended Lounge, MAGNIFICENT LUXURY RE-APPOINTED KITCHEN with range of appliances plus DINING AREA (opening to lounge) off, FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS (arranged upon two floors), beautiful luxury re-appointed ground floor Bathroom, luxury first floor Shower Room; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. WITH FULL WIDTH TARMAC DRIVEWAY to the fore and a LEVEL ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£275,950 - No Upward Chain

LOWER GORNAL



NEW PRICE

Enviably situated at head of cul-de-sac with tremendous distant views, and within walking distance of village, country park etc., a SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home that has been TREMENDOUSLY UPGRADED in recent years, and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Outstanding accommodation includes; entrance hallway, L shape 16 ft through lounge, extended 20'2" dining room, extended/refitted kitchen with a fine range of "beech" effect units & various integrated appliances, understairs store, utility room, fitted cloakroom. FOUR BEDROOMS, recently reapointed bathroom with a white contemporary suite, separate toilet. Garage, garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £225,000, NOW £217,500

Himley Gardens



LOWER GORNAL



Deepdale Lane

An imaginatively extended, highly individual, and comparatively spacious, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow with PANORAMIC DISTANT views from the rear set in favoured district. The property has been "transformed" by present vendors over the years, and provides reception hall, "snug"/sitting room, magnificent 21'3" x 16" through lounge with patio doors out to a BALCONY, refitted kitchen, dining room (en-suite bedroom). Two bedrooms, re appointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite. There are steps down to a useful BASEMENT providing utility room, separate toilet & extensive storage. Large double garage, delightful gardens abutting on to school grounds. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £227,500

Dudley



NO UPWARD CHAIN

Abbotsford Drive

Superbly located, this SUBSTANTIAL and DECEPTIVE DETACHED 'DORMER' FAMILY HOME enjoys a desirable location and an EXCEPTIONALLY WELL PROPORTIONED layout of FLEXIBLE & QUALITY accommodation, comprising: Large central Reception Hall with 'light oak' staircase, generous 22' full depth Lounge with Dining Area, CONSERVATORY/GARDEN ROOM, spacious Breakfast Kitchen with built-in appliances, ground floor WC, ground floor BEDROOM 3/Office, TWO LARGE DOUBLE FITTED FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS and spacious 'Heritage' Bathroom with separate shower. GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING. Front garden, BROAD DRIVEWAY, LARGE GARAGE and a LARGE LEVEL REAR GARDEN with decking and lawn. EPC Rating: E KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£199,950

DUDLEY



Lauriston Close, "Earls Keep"

This immaculately presented, fastidiously maintained, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom detached family home is situated at the head of a quiet cul-de-sac, and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of the accommodation provided. The impressive property briefly comprises; entrance hall, stylish lounge, dining room. Kitchen with a fine range of units, guest w.c. Three good bedrooms (principal with en suite), bathroom with white suite, Garage, driveway and pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £199,950

DUDLEY



Lightwood Road



An EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, highly individual, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached constructed for present vendors' own occupation & comprising imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom, storage cupboards, dining room with bay, 17'10" lounge with 'living flame' feature gas fire & patio doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, well equipped breakfast kitchen. FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with fitted units & shower room en suite), bathroom, garage, extensive block paved foregarden & 13ft wide side area with potential, secluded/sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £199,950

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Alderbrook Close, Northway

Enviably situated upon FINE CORNER PLOT (with potential), a superb, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached comprising entrance porch, L-shape through lounge/dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'English Cream' finish units, open porch & a further store. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, lengthy 17'5" garage & further parking for larger vehicles/caravan, etc. sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £195,000

Gornal Wood



Musk Lane

A quaint, significantly extended/gas centrally heated & part double glazed detached family home with further potential conveniently situated within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities with possibilities of sub-division for creation of granny/teenagers annex etc. Vendor's advice original cottage section dates back to early 19th century with subsequent inter-war & more recent extensions & the flexible accommodation comprises through 17ft entrance vestibule/hallway, sitting room, bedroom, lounge (with winding staircase up to two further bedrooms on first floor); remainder of ground floor is a through dining kitchen, a large bedroom (with doors out to garden & presently sub-divided to create two bedrooms) & a bathroom. Extensive parking, sheltered garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £199,959, NOW £189,950

LOWER GORNAL



Burns Grove, Straits

Enviably situated in short/quiet cul-de-sac within reasonable walking distance of day-to-day shops, Post Office, country park etc.; a gas centrally heated, part double glazed detached bungalow with potential. Accommodation includes; enlarged reception hall, cloaks cupboard, lounge, breakfast kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom. Garage, gardens. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,950

SEDGLEY



Coppice Close, Brownswall Estate

An exceptionally stylish, EXTENDED & ENLARGED Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been "transformed" by present vendors in recent years set in favoured cul-de-sac. Accommodation includes; entrance porch, reception hall, through living/dining room (formerly separate rooms) with patio doors & bay, EXTENDED & refitted kitchen with a fine range of "oak" finish units & slate tiled floor, lobby, laundry section, and sitting tv/family room. To the first floor are THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, and a large reappointed bathroom with contemporary style white suite (chrome detailing). Gravelled foregarden, wide rear garden. EPC Rating: G.. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £184,950

DUDLEY



Richborough Drive

Enviably situated, overlooking open space with tremendous spacious uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED CONSERVATORY a much enhanced gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached in favoured neighbourhood with superb accommodation including reception hall, store, upgraded fitted cloakroom, breakfast kitchen, transverse lounge, magnificent conservatory. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite), upgraded bathroom with white suite. Gated drive with substantial brick garage, secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £183,250

Kingswinford



£5,000 Reduction

Ambrose Crescent

A LARGE MODERN LINK-DETACHED BUNGALOW which enjoys a sought after cul-de-sac setting upon Charterfields, REQUIRING UPDATING AND IMPROVEMENT, with much potential to enhance the VERY SPACIOUS and WELL PROPORTIONED layout which includes: Large 'L' shape Reception Hall, large Lounge with Dining Area, Kitchen, TWO GOOD BEDROOMS, Bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. Set beyond the front lawn with LARGE DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and private rear garden with a sunny aspect. EPC Rating: E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£174,950 - No Upward Chain

SEDGLEY



South View Road, Northway

An attractive, significantly EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated (recent boiler) & either uPVC or aluminium double glazed semi detached with TREMENDOUS DISTANT VIEWS in favoured/ convenient district. Accommodation includes entrance porch, enlarged reception hall, 24'6" through living/dining room, extended L-shape 'cottage style' breakfast kitchen, rear lobby. Three bedrooms, bathroom, large garage with 'mezzanine - style' decking providing extensive storage. Block paved drive, secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £155,000

WOODSETTON



Parkes Lane

An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached set in quiet "backwater" being close to so many amenities. Conscientiously maintained accommodation includes; entrance hallway, lounge, extended dining room, extended 'L' shape breakfast kitchen. Three bedrooms, upgraded bathroom. Garage (presently sub-divided to form a store, and a further utility room with toilet off). Low maintenance gardens, and tremendous DISTANT VIEWS from the rear. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £151,950

DUDLEY



The Broadway

An EXTENDED, spacious, Freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached occupying WIDER THAN AVERAGE PLOT in popular neighbourhood. Accommodation comprises; enlarged porch, reception hall, dining room, lounge, extended 18'2" kitchen, and the former garage has been sub-divided to create a utility room & fitted shower room (access through hall). Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Extensive parking (11' width from former garage gable to boundary at side). EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

LOWER GORNAL



Ellowes Road

Conscientiously maintained, comparatively spacious, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached former police house in established district. Accommodation includes; reception hall, dining room, lounge, upgraded kitchen with a range of 'oak' effect units, lobby, store, separate w.c. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Gated driveway to a large garden, TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £132,750

Wordsley



£5,000 REDUCTION

Marshall Crescent

Forming part of the Heritage Buildings at Crystal Mead, an exciting new development constructed by Shropshire Homes in 2012, this STYLISH INDIVIDUAL PERIOD FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT offers SPACIOUS and BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED accommodation, comprising: reception hall, superb 'L' shaped open plan lounge with dining area - attractively appointed kitchen with integrated appliances, DOUBLE BEDROOM with fitted wardrobe, spacious classic white bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. Enjoying ALLOCATED CAR PARKING together with SEPARATE VISITOR PARKING and being further enhanced by the remainder of the NHBC BUILDING WARRANTY. EPC Rating: C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£109,950

LOWER GORNAL



Central Drive

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A conscientiously maintained, modernised & significantly improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed end 'starter home' in established district with good distant views. Accommodation includes reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room, upgraded kitchen with various appliances, THREE BEDROOMS, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, gardens. EPC Rating: D. BUYERS LEGAL FEES PAID TO A MAXIMUM OF £600.00 SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £104,950

SEDGLEY



Bilston Street, Claremont Cottages

An enviably situated intermediate bungalow with potential positioned within reasonable walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring and all associated amenities. Upvc double glazing. The accommodation comprises; reception hall, cloaks, kitchen, 'L' shape lounge/dining room (with patio doors), double bedroom, upgraded shower room with white suite. Neat rear garden, tarmacadammed parking. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £89,950

COSELEY



Caddick Street

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This well presented, gas centrally heated, three bedroom THIRD FLOOR FLAT that may particularly appeal to first time buyers, and is well worthy of an internal inspection. The conscientiously maintained property stands in communal grounds and briefly comprises; secure entrance, welcoming hall, stylish lounge, kitchen, three good bedrooms, and bathroom with a white suite. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £77,950

WOODSETTON



Roper Walk

A uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated (combi boiler), first floor flat enviably situated adjacent to and over looking adopted open space with DISTANT VIEWS. Accommodation comprises reception hall, store, 17'3" living/ dining room, breakfast kitchen, double bedroom with wardrobes, bathroom, shared grounds & allocated parking. EPC Rating D.. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £76,950

QUARRY BANK



Jackson Court / Thorns Avenue

This modern style, Double Glazed, FIRST FLOOR FLAT is well presented throughout, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with a range of units, DOUBLE BEDROOM with fitted wardrobe, Bathroom, Communal Grounds and allocated Parking. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£72,500

Stourbridge



NEW PRICE

Chapel Street

Enjoying a convenient setting for local shops and amenities, this WELL ARRANGED and MOST APPEALING, FIRST FLOOR FLAT affords an arrangement of accommodation with uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and A SUPERB CONVERTED LOFT SPACE CREATING A SPACIOUS BEDROOM. The selling agents strongly recommend an internal viewing to fully appreciate this property, which should suit first time buyers, young professionals and buy-to-let investors. To briefly comprise: Shaker Styled Kitchen, Pleasant Reception Room, Inner Hall, Bathroom, Double Bedroom and A SUCCESSFUL LOFT CONVERSION which has created a well proportioned further double bedroom. Allocated Garden Space and Communal Parking. EPC Rating D. STOURBRIDGE OFFICE 01384 395555.

£64,995

COSELEY



Yew Tree Lane

70% SHARE FOR SALE. An attractive, stylish GROUND FLOOR, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed flat (in small block - just four dwellings) within walking distance of COSELEY RAILWAY STATION and many other amenities. Vendors' 70% share available for sale (remaining 30% owned by Housing Association who charge a fair market rental). Individual front door to 19'4" lounge with well equipped kitchen section beyond (integrated oven, hob & filter), understair store, inner hallway, TWO BEDROOMS, bathroom with white suite, ample parking, extensive lawned grounds. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers around £60,000 for vendor's 70% share.

WOODSETTON



Vicarage Road West

A gas centrally heated, and uPVC double glazed GROUND FLOOR flat on bus route, and within level walking distance of so many amenities! Conscientiously maintained, and well presented accommodation comprises; reception hall, double bedroom with wardrobes, living/dining room, refitted kitchen with a range of 'oak' effect units, and integrated appliances, re-tiled shower room with white suite. Vendor advises allocated parking, and there are shared gardens. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £59,950

Brierley Hill



Victoria Court

This immaculately presented, uPVC Double Glazed, GROUND FLOOR ONE BEDROOM FLAT is conveniently situated for local amenities, and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property briefly comprises: stylish Lounge, re-fitted Breakfast Kitchen with a fine range of units, DOUBLE BEDROOM, Re-Fitted Bathroom with white suite, communal Grounds / Parking and Garage in separate block. EPC Rating D. OFFERS INVITED ON A CASH BUYERS ONLY BASIS. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£54,950

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Residential Sales & Lettings



Gayfield Avenue, Brierley Hill, DY5 - £160,000

Situated on "Withymoor Village" and offering easy access to local amenities, this good sized detached family home needs to be viewed to be appreciated. In brief there is an entrance hall, guest WC, three reception rooms, four bedrooms, a bathroom, front and rear gardens, a driveway and garage.



Mousehall Farm Road, Brierley Hill, DY5 - £155,000

Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and having plenty of space for the larger family, this well presented, extended end terrace has to be viewed. In brief, there is an entrance hall, modern kitchen/diner, lounge, five bedrooms, bathroom, front driveway, tandem garage and front and rear gardens.



George Street, Wordsley, DY8 - £130,000

In a perfect location for schools and amenities, this well presented, traditional terraced home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. In brief, there is a lounge, dining area, kitchen, bathroom, two double bedrooms, additional loft room and rear garden as well as central heating and double glazing.



Mousehall Farm Road, Brierley Hill, DY5 - £110,000

Situated on the Caledonia, this well presented terraced home is handy for amenities and would be a great first purchase. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, accommodation comprises an entrance hall, modern kitchen/diner, spacious lounge, three bedrooms and bathroom with front and rear gardens.



Church Street, Pensnett, DY5 - £95,000

Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, this well presented, extended semi detached house is well located for access to amenities including Russell's Hall hospital and the Merry Hill centre. Accommodation in brief includes an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and modern bathroom with a driveway and rear garden.



Foxdale Drive, Brierley Hill, DY5 - £60,000

Situated in a good location for Brierley Hill town, this modern, first floor flat is well presented and would make a great first property or investment purchase and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation comprises a lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom with uPVC double glazing.

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24 HILLMAN DRIVE £299,950

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 - Second bedroom with en-suite dressing room
 - SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING C



11 GOWER ROAD £225,000

- SEDGLEY**
- Improved & enhanced detached bungalow
 - Two bedrooms, impressive lounge with feature fireplace
 - Comprehensively refitted kitchen
 - Rear garden with superb panoramic views
 - SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E



11 PORTLAND CRESCENT, PEDMORE £222,500

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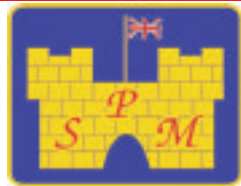
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- GCH and DG
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- with ensuite
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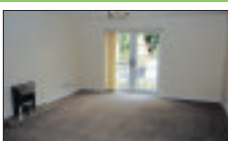


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Volvo V70 has high praise

By Graham Breeze

THERE was a time that I teased my boss because he was a Volvo driver, but how times have changed.

Not only is he no longer my boss but only recently I found myself praising the virtues of the V70 on a week long test drive.

When you mention Volvo you think large and practical estates but the latest model is a far cry from the archetypal load carrier I taunted my former employer about.

Volvo has not gone down the same old road with the V70 D4 SE Nav Geartronic because there is a certain style and sportiness for this new master load-carrier, together with all the usual versatility you would expect.

Six decades after the launch of the first Wagon the V70 carries on the tradition of combining form and function.

The motorway is the ideal place for this Volvo so it's little wonder that police forces across the land have models patrolling major transport routes across the UK.

The new D4 comes with 181hp and 400Nm of torque and the engine features world-first i-Art technology that helps to cut fuel consumption.

The V70 really is the ultimate, spacious car offering families comfort and sophistication combined with an impressive 575 litres of load space.

The rear seats can be folded down in three 40/20/40 segments, giving more options to configure the space. With all of the rear seats folded flat, the load space grows to a cavernous 1,600 litres.

Consumption

The two outer rear seats can also be fitted with integrated two-stage child seats – with one simple movement, booster cushions pop up from the seat giving a comfortable and safe ride height for children from the age of three and upwards.

The new D4 comes with 181 hp and 400 Nm of torque. The engine features world-first i-Art technology that helps to cut fuel consumption.

The new car looks more elegant, with a more road-hugging stance. The refined design emphasises the elegant presence of the V70 with a wider proportion on the front grille, as well as more detail work and daytime running lights along with added chrome touches to lift the detail and give the car a more upmarket feel. The Adaptive Digital Display screen is fitted as standard



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on SE Lux and is available as an option on all other specifications and you can choose from three themes.

The Active High Beam Control helps the driver use high beam more efficiently. It also offers automatic switching between high and low beam at the right moment.

Inside, an all-new ambient light enhances driving at night. It illuminates key features such as cup holders, door releases, seat controls, and luggage and storage areas.

Cars equipped with the automatic gearbox also feature a new gearshift knob with piano-black inlay.

Cars equipped with a rain sensor now

also get an electrically heated windscreen for rapid de-icing on cold winter days.

Volvo now offers drivers spending their time in cold climates extra comfort, with the introduction of an optional heated steering wheel.

Cars with an automatic transmission can also be specified with paddle shifters, enabling the driver to shift gear manually with both hands on the wheel.

The D4 SE on test hit the road at £33,120 and has a top speed of 140mph, gets from 0-60mph in 7.9seconds, CO2 emissions of just 113g/km and has combined fuel figures of an impressive 65.7mpg. Quite a package.

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ŠKODA UK scooped two prestigious accolades at this year's Fleet News Awards which took place at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London.

The 'Oscars' of the fleet calendar, the annual event recognises the best-performing businesses and individuals within the sector during the last 12 months.

The panel of judges, made up of members of the Fleet News editorial team as well as industry experts, voted the ŠKODA Octavia Estate the 'Best Estate Car' for its combination of affordability and space, in addition to its range of efficient power plants. The Superb Estate, a winner of the category for the last two years, once again came highly-acclaimed in the same class.

In what proved to be a busy night for the vehicle manufacturer, the ŠKODA Yeti was also named 'Best Crossover', a model praised by the panel for quality, versatility, low rate of depreciation, and offering a very appealing and solid proposition to fleet operators.

Judge Stephen Briers, editor of Fleet News commented: "The Octavia Estate has the best balance of space versus cost in this category."

"An excellent choice of efficient engines combined with strong driver appeal, makes it an ideal option as a stylish and flexible workhorse."

ŠKODA's second winner, Yeti, is a good all-rounder, with excellent running costs and the flexibility offered by on-road or (genuine) off-road options. The 2013 facelift made an already great car even better. Excellent build quality and strong used values add to the perfect package."

Patrick McGillicuddy, head of fleet ŠKODA UK said: "We are extremely proud to have received these two prestigious industry awards for the ŠKODA Octavia Estate and the Yeti crossover. Providing an exceptional level of practicality and value for money, as well as highly competitive CO2 emissions, both models have consistently proved popular amongst company car drivers."

He added: "These accolades are a great achievement and reinforce a very encouraging first quarter. It is also testament to the team's commitment to building strong relationships with customers and offering them expert advice about the model range."

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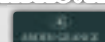
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Nathan is relaxed over final call-up

NATHAN Greaves insists he will relax and enjoy the experience of riding in the British Under-21 Final on his home track next Tuesday.

Greaves, 16, is in his second season with Cradley who host the prestigious event at their adopted Wolverhampton home.

The talented teenager won a call-up into the meeting following the withdrawal of reigning champion Robert Brannford.

And Greaves says it's only right after narrowly missing out on automatic qualification in the semi-final at Plymouth last month.

"I should have qualified that night to be honest," said Greaves. "But I was just a bit unlucky I think, so I'm pleased to have got the call."

Greaves' Heathens team-mate Tom Perry also figures in the meeting along with former club favourite Ashley Morris and Dan Greenwood, who won the National League title last season.

Normal admission prices apply for the event but Cradley season tickets are not valid. Prices are £11 adults, £8 concessions, £2 children and a one-off programme will be available for £3.

Juniors in win over DK rivals

Walsall U-13s 36 Dudley K-Ford U-13s 10

BOTH teams played good disciplined rugby. Walsall really applied the pressure well, scoring first through Leo Gilliland. But the visitors came back strongly and only some strong Walsall defending, with Luke Cox in particular, helped to keep DK from scoring.

Both teams displayed a lot of good running and support play which ensured that it was an enjoyable game for the large band of spectators. Leo Gilliland scored two more tries, while Arnold Addai made an impressive debut scoring two tries. Lewis Hawkins got Walsall's other score with Joe Webster kicking three conversions.

Hales show strength in penultimate

Longton 15 Old Halesonians 31

OLD Hales 1sts travelled to Staffordshire to meet Longton in the penultimate game of the season.

From the kick off, Hales got into their game with some up-front, physical confrontation led by Jordan, Tom Dempsey, Pete Fitzgerald and Rich Sawyer. After 32 minutes Hales worked a couple of phases up the field with strong running by Dempsey and Breese, a ruck secured the ball. Scrum half, Nathan Jones, again having a great game, fed Powell and the backs. Full back Chris Hooper joined the line, collected the ball,

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sold a class dummy to wrong foot the defence for the first try.

The home side came back down the slope using their big forwards. A driving maul from a lineout was again well defended by Hales. But Longton had more men in the maul and drove their prop over for a try to level the scores.

Another maul ensued with Rich Sawyer feeding Nathan Jones who sprinted to the line for a try wide out at half time.

Hales needed to maintain the pressure down the slope, the first half defensive effort was a deciding factor in this game. On 46 minutes Longton attacked the midfield, Jordan put in a telling tackle on his opposite man. At the same time he wrestled the ball from the player.

Nathan Jones fed wing Luke Smith who chipped over his opposite man, collected the ball to pass inside to the supporting Loz Breese who evaded tackles to score the try of the game which was converted by Powell.

After the restart Luke Smith intercepted as loose ball to sprint half the pitch for another converted try and gained the bonus point.

More pressure by the visitors, a scrum on the Longton 22, a planned move including back row and backs failed to work. Hales gathered again, Jones at scrum half took the ball and sold a dummy to skip over the line for his second try, converted by Powell.

With 20 minutes to go Longton fought back with two unconverted tries but Hales had done their job. This puts Hales third in the league. This Saturday Hales play their final game of the season at home against Lymm kick off 3 pm.

Tipton throw away lead to suffer loss

Tipton Town 2 Shepshed Dynamo 5

TIPTON Town suffered an almost-mirror repeat of the nightmare against Gornal from 48 hours earlier as they took a two-goal lead only to concede four second-half goals.

Tipton's was an unusual line-up with Lee Wherton in an unfamiliar left-back position and with Nigel Penney restored to the forward line against Dynamo, who were making their first visit to Tipton.

And it was Penney who was fouled to give Tipton the lead, the striker was brought down in the box on 16 minutes, this gave Danny Ashton the opportunity to smash home the spot-kick and he took it.

Five minutes later Callum Martin's header crashed on to the crossbar but Marvin Nisbett was unable to latch onto the rebound to make any difference to the score.

But on 25 minutes Town took a 2-0 lead after Martin was fouled on the edge of the area and Ashton's free-kick was spilled by keeper Ryan Thacker, only for Andy Dicken to pop up to bundle home his first goal for Tipton.

On 35 minutes, James Pemberton pulled off a great save to deny Jonathan Jones who had raced clear through.

And with four minutes left on the clock in the first half, Alun Webb pulled one back for the visitors with a clever, curling effort from 20 yards that looped over Pemberton.

The second half saw Town capitulate in much the same way they had at Garden Walk with the warning signs there for all to see

Football

on 57 minutes when Pemberton had to act to deny Calum Thompson.

The equaliser came on the hour when Rob Mulonga's cross from deep on the right looped over Pemberton's head - again - and into the net.

On 65 minutes Lee Wherton was forced to clear off the line after Connor Gater air-kicked a clearance in the six-yard box.

But the whole affair began to unravel on 73 minutes when Pemberton saved a free kick by Jonathan Jones only for another free kick to be given when the clearance was adjudged to have been handled by Martin.

This time Thompson made no mistake and with painful inevitability fired Shepshed into the lead from the edge of the box and the downhill slide had begun.

Town fell to pieces from here on in, first allowing Cooper-Richards to score unmarked and then a slapstick moment saw substitute Chris Waterhouse allow himself to be robbed and Jones had all the time in the world to fire past Pemberton and wrap up a 5-2 win for the Leicestershire side.

Sam is making a good impression in the ring



Stourbridge fighter Sam Eggington gets stuck into Johnny Garton with Eggington coming out the eventual winner

STOURBRIDGE'S Sam Eggington could land himself a promotional contract with Matchroom Boxing after his Prizefighter exploits on Saturday night, writes Craig Birch.

The Midlands welterweight champion was nudged out by split decision to eventual winner Johnny Coyle in the semi-final, live on Sky Sports.

But the 20-year-old caught the eye of Matchroom's Eddie Hearn in his first fight and losing effort. Talks between the two could take place this week.

Eggington opened his challenge with a quarter-final clash against Johnny Garton and pumelled his opponent on route to a second round stoppage.

The Sky Sports cameras looked on at York Hall in London as Eggington first put Garton in danger by trapping him in the ropes, before unloading with hooks.

Garton was taking blow after blow without response by the time his corner threw the towel in, as referee Marcus McDonnell looked to step in anyway.

Eggington found Coyle tougher and, the Stourbridge man taking one flush to the jaw, too. The third round saw the contest go to the judges scorecards with McDonald and Steve Gray overruling Michael Alexander, all three scoring the bout 29-28.

Runners' success in half marathon

ATHLETES from Dudley Kingswinford Running Club were among the prizes at the Ironbridge Half Marathon.

Ben Foster claimed third place in 1.20.24 behind Paul Ward, of Wrekin Road Runners, and Shrewsbury AC's Joe Brocklehurst.

DK's Matt Biggs returned from injury to clock 1.29.33 for 19th place and third M35, Rob Kennard finished in 1.31.23 in 28th place and third M45, Kathryn Sneyd came home in 1.53.32 in 276th.

Carol Fisher claimed another podium finish taking third in her age group in 1.54.27, Flora Bianco just ducked inside two hours in 1.59.43 and Debbie Richards finished in 2.16.35.

Another group of hoops went to Manchester for a marathon on hat is reported to be the flattest marathon course in the UK. Many DK runners made their debut over the distance.

Mark Gatenby finished in 3.28.08 on his first attempt, Steve Wood in 3.34.53, Marie Latreche in 3.54.57, Helen Davies in 3.56.38, Richard Tonks in 3.58.53, Alison Whitehouse in 4.19.47 and Phil Morris in 5.50.50 on his debut.

Lawley's hat-trick for victory

Coventry Sphinx 1 AFC Wulfrunians 3

An excellent hat-trick from Brad Lawley ensured AFC Wulfrunians came away with all three points from a gritty encounter away at Coventry Sphinx. He fired two in the first half, before rounding off the win with a third shortly after Matty Fowler had pulled one back for the hosts.

Lawley put the visitors ahead after just eight minutes, before quick thinking by Scott Stevenson led to Wulfs' lead being doubled. He caught the defence off-guard with a quick free kick and Lawley fired it low, past O'Neil.

Thirteen minutes after Sphinx's goal Lawley completed his hat-trick.

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Yeltz stay in prime spot with one point

Mickleover 2 Halesowen 4
HALESOWEN stayed one point clear of Leek at the top of the Evo-Stik Division One South table after an excellent win at play-off chasing Mickleover.

The title race is shaping up for a thrilling end to the season and it was vital the Yeltz won this game against a team who had only lost one game in 14.

Mickleover claimed an early lead when captain Liam Walsh nodded home from a corner on 10 minutes.

But Halesowen equalised on 27 minutes as Joe Hull's cracking volley hit the underside of the bar and bounced into the net.

Two minutes later, Hull flicked the ball over Sports goalkeeper Chris Martin and Iyseden Christie was able to poke it home from point blank range.

Mickleover instantly replied through Simon Oshobo, powerfully header.

But an entertaining first half ended when a mistake from the Mickleover defence gave Ben Haseley the opportunity to turn and score.

Haseley made it 4-2 on 60 minutes when he found space and slotted home from 10 yards and Halesowen took control.

Mickleover's Marc Goodfellow was sent off for a second bookable offence.

Ladies can't pull off win

SHEFFIELD FC Ladies 3 Wolves Women 0

Wolves Women battled bravely against league leaders Sheffield, but ultimately fell short as they continue to try and avoid being relegated.

Sheffield broke the deadlock on 36 minutes when Ellie Gilliat raced down the left, before rifling in what proved to be an unstoppable shot.

Although Wolves were competing and battling hard, they never looked like scoring, and two late goals for Sheffield wrapped up the game once and for all.

The first came from a cross which was headed in by Leanne De Silva, before Issy Hayes tapped in from close range in injury time.

Sheffield deserved the win. Manager Trevor Mullings said: "We competed with them for large parts of the game."

Williams hits late equaliser for Tividale

Tividale 2 Sphinx 2

IN A chaotic end to the season Tividale welcomed Coventry Sphinx to The Beeches for their second game in less than 48 hours and shared the honours thanks to a late goal.

With Tividale trying to give players as much rest as possible in an effort to nurse them over the finishing line a fifth-minute injury was the last thing they needed. Defenders Mitchell Plows and Luke Paskin clashed heads and though Paskin was able to resume, Plows suffered mild concussion and a cut and was replaced by Zac Foster.

The first chance fell to Tividale on 11

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minutes when Andy Parsons latched on to a loose ball but his shot cleared the bar.

Tividale were turning up the pressure on Sphinx and on 18 minutes Sam Williams hit a fierce shot that looked destined for the top corner until Sphinx keeper Jack Farthing produced an excellent save to palm it away at full stretch.

Against the run of play and with their first effort on goal, Sphinx took the lead on 24 minutes. A long ball over the top fell between Tividale defenders Parsons and Mark

Smith and Sphinx's Luke Downes laid it back to Luke Williams, whose shot was just powerful enough to go in despite Tividale keeper Tim Beech getting his hand to it.

Helped by the home side's inability to hold onto the ball for any length of time, Sphinx were now the dominant side and Downes had the chance to double the score but Beech turned his shot around the post.

Right on the stroke of half-time came a stroke of pure magic. Tividale wide man Michael Wardle looked up from a wide right position and 25 yards out spotted Farthing off his line and hit a fierce dipping shot that

left the keeper back pedalling but with no chance of stopping it.

In the second half Tividale's Jason Chilton had the first decent chance that flashed across the face of the goal after some good work from Karl Edwards.

Sphinx regained the lead on 69 minutes when a long free kick was spilt by Beech and Sphinx substitute Ricky Cutting to poked home from close range. Just as it seemed time was running out for Tividale and the 90 minutes were up, a cross from Parsons was delivered into the box and Williams met it with a peach of a diving header.

Saxons do things hard way

Hull RUFC 29

Stourbridge Saxons 38
THE Saxons did it the hard way against a spirited Hull side who threatened to produce a shock result until nerves were settled by a late Stef Shillingford try.

With the National 2 North title contest no closer to being decided after last weekend's results they now look forward to their last home regular season game, hosting relegated neighbours Bromsgrove.

Having raced into a 26-5 lead with the bonus point secured the visitors eased off, perhaps still feeling the effects of their exertions the previous week.

An early Pete White-tapped penalty in Hull's 22 was worked to captain Robbie Hurrell who shrugged off some ineffective tackling to score under the posts.

Hull attempted to run their next possession but a loose pass was hacked downfield by fellow second rower Nile Dacres who won the footrace to ground the ball for a try.

The second half started with White in for his second try. Hull's Alex Piercy was next to score with Shillingford adding the last.

Gethin heads back to ring

WALSALL'S British lightweight champion Martin Gethin returns to the ring when he takes on Derry Mathews next month.

The pair will clash for the vacant WBA intercontinental lightweight crown in Mathews' home-town of Liverpool on May 10.

"I belong in world class and Mathews is in my way."

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DK CUT LOSSES BUT STILL NO WIN

Dudley Kingswinford 14 Sedgley Park 48

ANOTHER fruitless return for an afternoon's hard endeavour as DK suffered another defeat at the hands of a powerful Sedgley Park side.

But this was an immense turnaround in favour of the home side as it was a little over four months ago that Park inflicted DK's heaviest-ever league defeat.

This time DK were 63 points better off than on that dark December afternoon in North Manchester.

After just a few minutes, Park launched an innocuous looking first attack of the game that looked like it was taking place in slow motion. They kicked through and as the ball bobbed over the DK line alert visitors' full back Andrew Riley pounced to open the scoring.

This was followed by a second try after 15 minutes when Park's busy left wing El Mhadi Tahir scored an excellent solo try, which fly half Steve Collins converted.

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Shortly after, Dudley's cause was dealt a game-changing blow when they first lost skipper Ed Parry to the bin for alleged foul play and shortly followed by fellow lock Nick Murphy for not releasing after the tackle.

During this period Park scored tries through flanker Jon Bishop, prop James Flynn and full back Flynn bagging his second of the game. Collins converted one.

Just before half time Park should have been reduced to 14 men when their highly impressive No8 unceremo-

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niously dumped his opposite number to the ground from shoulder height right in front of the referee and his assistant.

If Dudley could have managed to string all their good passages of play together, they would have posed a serious threat in many of the games that they have lost as their approach work and technical skills are more than capable of matching their opponents.

However, individual errors and lack of a cutting edge have cost them dear on too many occasions in this hard and difficult season.

As such DK's second half performance edged on the side of heroic as they pressed their opponents all the way and were rewarded by two fine team tries finished off by centre Donovan Smile and full back James Jefferson both of which were converted by Gareth Bown.

Park were always a threat on the break and scored three further tries through right wing Jamie Harrison, lock Lewis McGowan and No8 Matt Lamprey, with Collins converting two of them.



DK's Harry Bayliss tries to offload the ball after being brought down with a tackle

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